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MARGINAL COLUMN

By ZEEV LAQUEUR

A DAY or two ago I met a friend of mine, Dwight MacDonald, who had just returned from Cairo, having been surprised by the outbreak of the war while in Egypt on a mission for the "New Yorker" and "Encounter." We talked about one thing and another, and of course recent events in the Middle East. After a few minutes we realized that each of us was talking about a different thing, and it slowly emerged that people in Cairo, including "well informed people," had not heard about the Sinai campaign at all. Of course, during the first day or two it was briefly mentioned in the Cairo communiques, but later no mention was made of what had really happened on the other side of the Canal. And if the foreigner, in professional search of news, was labouring under such misconceptions, it is easy to imagine what the average Egyptian and Arab believes after having been subject to rigorous censorship to this very day.

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THE Egyptian and Arab public has been told that the Israel army has been destroyed, the French navy sunk, the British air force brought down. Those who remain in Port Said and Sinai are a few stragglers who will be mopped up as soon as the U.N. permits the Egyptians to move in. On October 30 when the Egyptian army was in full retreat Cairo radio announced: "The whole world knows that Egypt could, with a small part of her army stationed in Sinai, defeat all Israel. Egypt could not only reach Tel Aviv but the Israel-Lebanese border as well." On November 18, when all was over, Damascus radio announced, summarizing the campaign: "The withdrawal of the Egyptian forces from Sinai was one of the most unbelievable military feats of world history. It was followed by an Egyptian counter-attack into Israel. The Zionist forces were completely annihilated. It was the British and French forces which occupied Rafah, El Arish, Gaza and other regions."

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HUNDREDS of such news items have been featured of late in the Arab press and radio (and, incidentally, the Soviet press). Of course the whole thing happened in 1948 too and it would perhaps not be so very remarkable if these stories were not used by a number of newspapers such as the "Manchester Guardian," the "Observer" and the "New Statesman" who want to prove "collusion" between Ben-Gurion, Eden and Mollet. This writer has no special information on this subject, apart from the somewhat surprising fact that practically all the "evidence" triumphantly produced in London (after having allegedly evaded Israel censorship) had been previously published in Cairo and Damascus. This goes in particular for the most striking of these stories, the one cabled by the expert on the Himalayas who came to Israel on behalf of the "Guardian" after the campaign was over. It had in its essentials been contained in a statement by Wing Commander Sabri two days before — and elsewhere. The least that could be expected, however, by way of elementary courtesy is that these correspondents would go all the way and take over the Arab version, lock, stock and barrel. But no, they pick what they want, leaving the more blatant absurdities out (such as the capture of Gaza, Rafah etc. by British forces). Nor do they accept Colonel Nasser's boast that he had "absolute mastery in the air and decisively defeated the Israel air force," for the simple reason that it would not tally with the story put out by Mr. James Morris and others that Israel succeeded in its campaign only owing to the decisive help given by the French pilots during its attack.

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HOWEVER, there is no sense in looking for logic and consistency in a press campaign which has highly hysterical undertones, and which in any case has little to do with Israel, but very much with Anglo-American differences and even more with domestic quarrels in Britain. In such a situation the most involved and circumstantial versions are readily believed, the most obvious explanation is not. Nobody, for instance, has asked the preliminary question, not entirely irrelevant, whether "collusion" against a semi-fascist dictator is morally reprehensible. The Labour Party has engaged in a private investigation of its own to find out what really happened. This group is headed by Mr. R.H.S. Crossman, who has just announced that he has come to Israel for his health. His Israel friends will not be surprised to hear that the "Bourse Egyptienne" of Cairo calls Dick Crossman nowadays "a great admirer of Colonel Nasser."

London, December 3.

East Bloc In U.N. Rapped Over Hungary

UNITED NATIONS, Tuesday (UP). — U.N. efforts to get observers into Hungary suffered a dual setback today when India announced that she would abstain on a resolution authorizing their dispatch, and Yugoslavia said that she would not permit them to take evidence from refugees on her territory.

The U.S. and 13 other nations sponsored a resolution fixing next Friday as a deadline for Hungary's acceptance of an on-the-spot investigating team. It recommended that Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold immediately send the observers to neighbouring countries to examine refugees there if Hungary refuses to admit them.

India Key Factor

India, whose support was considered a key factor in the success of the plan, announced today, however, that she would demand a paragraph-by-paragraph vote on the resolution, backing those parts which she favoured, but would abstain on the proposal as a whole.

Then Yugoslavia, although denouncing the "kidnapping" of former Hungarian Premier Imre Nagy and declaring that Hungary's offer to admit Mr. Hammarskjold at a later date was unacceptable," announced that the observers would not be welcome in Yugoslavia.

Early in the debate, the Byelorussian delegate attacked the Cuban representative, one of the leaders in the fight to introduce U.N. observers into Hungary, for attempting to interfere in the affairs of another nation at a time when there was a revolution in his own country. "At the very time that people were being killed and wounded and hundreds were arrested in Cuba, the representative of that country does not shrink from infringing on the domestic affairs of the Hungarian Republic," he charged.

Nehru Blames U.K., France On Hungary

NEW DELHI, Tuesday (UP). — Premier Jawaharlal Nehru charged today that Britain and France were to blame for much of the trouble in revolt-wrecked Hungary.

He told India's senate that he believes Soviet intervention in Hungary was due at least in part to Russia's alarm over the Anglo-French attack on Egypt. The Premier's argument was sharply challenged by members of the Upper House.

"We would like to know how the situation in Egypt affected Hungary," snapped independent H. N. Kunzru. "The trouble in Hungary started under Geroe, and it was eight or nine days later that the Anglo-French attack came."

Mr. Nehru replied that the Russians withdrew their tanks from Budapest on October 30, and apparently were encouraged to return when Israel's attack on Egypt inspired the Anglo-French ultimatum.

He said his Government was slow in denouncing Soviet actions in Hungary because "we did not have all the facts, and did not want to join in a 'passionate wave of condemnation' of Russia." He added, however, that he now considers that the "passionate wave was justified."

He said India felt the widespread attacks on Russia were an attempt by people in England and elsewhere to distract world attention from the Suez crisis.

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Claim 'Hungary' In North Vietnam

SAIGON, Tuesday (UP). — South Vietnam has embarked on a campaign of charges that China is perpetrating the same brutalities in North Vietnam of which Russia is guilty in Hungary.

The Assembly today passed a resolution denouncing China's interference in the "internal affairs of Vietnam" and requesting the Parliaments of the world to "take measures to intervene urgently with the U.N." It was said that China plans to deport the leaders of a recent uprising in North Vietnam to Manchuria.

SHITREET VISITS GAZA POLICE STATIONS

Minister of Police, Behor Shitreet, and his deputy, Mr. Y. Ben Porath, toured the Gaza Strip yesterday and visited all the police stations in the district.

Mr. Shitreet met the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Gaza, and discussed the organization of the police in the Gaza Strip.

Railway Blasted

The railway line was blown up on Monday evening, north of Eyal, north of Kfar Saba, the Army spokesman announced yesterday. A culvert was also blasted in the same area.

Refugees from Egypt arrived in the s.s. Israel yesterday. Coming down the gangplank here are a grandmother, her daughter and two grandchildren from Alexandria. Her son was kept hostage in Egypt. A Jewish Agency official hands out sandwiches and sweets. Photo by Braun

Hungarian and Egyptian Jewish Refugees Arrive in Israel

By Y. FRIEDLER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The s.s. Israel, the luxury transatlantic tourist liner, arrived from an extraordinary voyage from Venice this morning, with nearly 300 Jewish refugees crowded on her deck to get their first glimpses of their new homeland.

The immigrants included 29 men, women and children expelled from Egypt, seven Zionist prisoners from Rumania, among them two women, and three members of their families; and 93 refugees from Hungary who escaped via Austria during the recent revolt.

Among the Hungarian newcomers is 47-year-old Rabbi Ya'acov Ratz, who spent four years in Hungarian prisons, for having taught Hebrew and encouraging Zionism among the Jews of Budapest. He was released last May, his six-year sentence having been reduced.

He spent one of his four years in solitary confinement, without even any reading material, and the other three in the company of Hungarian facists at whose hands he suffered no less than from the prison guards. The fascist prisoners accused him of being "a Jewish Communist."

The main quay of the port was crowded with officials, Jewish Agency representatives, leaders of the Egyptian Immigrants Association, relatives of the arrivals and of Jews still in Egypt, Rumania and Hungary, who were looking for somebody to bring them news of their relations.

In the ship's elegant "Tel Aviv Lounge," a formal reception was accorded to the immigrants by leaders of the Jewish Agency and of the Zionist Executive.

Israel is Your Mother

"Israel is a small country, but like a mother she will find room in her arms for every Jew who needs her. It may be hard at first, but at last you are home. May God bless you and grant us peace," Mr. S.Z. Shragai, head of the Immigration Department who had accompanied them from Venice, told the newcomers.

Mr. Y. Braginsky, of the Absorption Department, said "The arrival of this ship reflects the tragedy of the Jewish people. Your fate proves that there is no room for the Jews in the Diaspora and in these hard times Israel is the only hope for the Jewish people."

Two of the Zionist prisoners from Rumania were called on to reply on behalf of the newcomers. They were too excited to be able to say anything but: "Thank you, Thank you."

Most of the refugees from Egypt are stateless, the rest are of British, French and Italian nationality. They said they had first been informed of the decision to deport them when police officers called at their homes and roughly told them of the order.

They were allowed to take nothing but worn clothes and LE30 in cash. Their flats were sealed and the keys remained with the police. They were not permitted to contact their friends or relatives.

Jews of Egyptian nationality were not permitted to leave Egypt and many of them, together with some stateless Jews, had been herded into concentration camps. They had sailed from Alexandria in the s.s. Achilles and boarded the Israel last Friday night.

The newcomers from Rumania said that all but one of the 173 Zionist prisoners had

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Reserves Of Dollars Down, Britain Told

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Reserves — a barometer of Britain's economic health—now stand at $1,965m., Chancellor of the Exchequer Mr. Harold Macmillan told the Commons today. He also announced that Britain during the month had a deficit of £24m. with the European Payments Union — clearing house of West European trade.

Mr. Macmillan told the Commons that the fall in the reserves and the deficits in the European Payments Union "started after the date of Abdul Nasser's seizure of the Suez Canal. They have not been caused by any weakness in our trading position which is essentially sound."

He stated that the rate for the pound sterling would be maintained at its present parity — $2.80.

The statement answered rumours of a possible devaluation of the pound sterling resulting from the Anglo-French intervention in Egypt and consequent loss of oil.

He said the Government had sought a waiver on its payment of interest on the U.S. loan. The American Treasury had undertaken to present the matter to Congress.

He disclosed that Britain had told Canada she would also claim a waiver of interest on the Canadian loan where the agreement provided for a waiver if one had had also been granted by the U.S.

This would mean that Britain would pay to the U.S. on December 31, $50m. instead of $137.8m., and $15.5m. instead of $37.7m.

(In Washington, State Department officials said today that the Administration had agreed to ask Congress to waive Britain's December 31 interest payment on her $3,750m. loan from the U.S.).

Mr. Macmillan announced that as an emergency measure customs duty on petrol would be raised by a shilling a gallon, in addition to the five pence increase in wholesale and re-sale price of petrol per gallon.

Mr. Macmillan said he did not propose to take any immediate steps to increase income tax — but the Government would "not hesitate to use this weapon if needed when the time comes."

As for the future, it was too early to judge the character of all that might have to be done. But recent events had re-emphasized the need to review Government expenditure and defence policy.

The leader of the Labour Opposition, Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, suggested that the Chancellor should call a conference of Commonwealth Finance Ministers to consider the economic situation. Mr. Macmillan undertook to consider this idea.

Allies Foiled Big Counter Blow in Sinai—Nasser

NEW YORK, Tuesday (Reuter). — In an interview with Jon Mecklin, a correspondent of "Time" magazine, Abdul Nasser claimed that until the Anglo-French air raids forced him to change his strategy, Egyptian forces were holding their own against the Israelis in the early days of the Sinai fighting, and that his main forces were planning a mass counter-offensive.

According to his account, the Anglo-French action upset all his calculations. "We had never believed any responsible British leader could do it. We were caught in a very serious situation.

"The bulk of our army was in the middle of the desert facing the Israelis. Even in Cairo we had kept only one battalion for the city's defence..." We decided to withdraw completely from Sinai and concentrate all our activities in the Canal zone and the Nile delta."

Lost Armour

He admitted the main body of his armoured forces had lost 30 out of about 200 Russian T-34 and 50 out of 300 armoured cars. At Abu Ageila the Egyptians, according to Nasser, lost another 24 artillery pieces, 24 self-propelled guns and 21 Sherman tanks.

Nonetheless, he insisted, the Israelis had won no real victory in Sinai.

Mecklin reported that he unfolded his story with calm confidence, and with apologies for his hoarseness. "The doctor told me to stop smoking and talking so much, and those are two things I just cannot do," he said.

When asked to explain his failure to rush reinforcements to counter the Anglo-French landings at Port Said, Nasser was evasive.

On the question of what happened to Egypt's air force, Nasser insisted that except for one Ilyushin that cracked up on a take-off all of Egypt's bombers had escaped to other Arab lands. In addition, he said, some of his MIG fighters had taken refuge in Syria. Among them, he revealed, were some of the new twin-jet supersonic MIG-17s.

"Nobody knew we had any 17's," he said, "until one day early in the fighting when three of them were surprised near an airfield in the Canal zone. The MIG's shot down three (French) Mysteres and drove off the others with no losses."

Where else besides Syria had his planes taken refuge? "After enemy forces withdraw from our territory," he said, "we shall have many stories to tell."

Gaza Schools May Open Monday

Schools in the Gaza Strip should reopen by Monday, it was learned yesterday from the Ministry of Education in Jerusalem.

They will be staffed by local teachers who have been screened for possible *fedayeen* connections. The school population is estimated at over 50,000, between the ages of six and 16, in more than 50 schools.

The Ministry spokesman said that the screening of the teachers, many of whom were known to be active members of the *fedayeen* or else had taken part in marauding activities, had delayed the opening of the schools.

Meanwhile, M. Henri Labouisse, Director-General of UNRWA in the Middle East, who arrived at Lydda Airport by U.N. plane from Beirut yesterday for consultations with UNRWA personnel from the Gaza Strip, told reporters that his organization hoped to open elementary and vocational schools in the Strip shortly. "But so far we have been unable to do so because the Israel authorities have not given their permission." M. Labouisse conferred at the Airport with Mr. T. Jamieson, chief UNRWA representative in Gaza, and then continued on to Jordan by road.

M. Labouisse said that the relations between the local authorities in the Gaza Strip and UNRWA were cordial, and UNRWA was benefiting from the normal facilities.

Mr. Jamieson, left on the same U.N. plane for Beirut, UNRWA Headquarters in the Middle East, having completed his tour of duty in the Gaza Strip.

Mr. Roy Lucas will now be UNRWA head in the Strip. Twelve international UNWRA personnel were now serving in the Strip, said M. Labouisse, besides some 2,000 local employees.

M. Labouisse said that UNWRA has allocated $27 a year per head for the refugee population. Great stress was laid on preventive medicine for the refugees.

Mr. Jamieson, who took up his post in the Strip on November 4, said that except for schooling, the conditions of the refugees were now as they were before hostilities broke out. He stated there were now 1,300 teachers in the area and 70,000 pupils, aged six to 16. UNRWA's yearly budget was $8m. for relief work and $1m. for educational purposes.

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Burns, Stockwell Confer Today On 'Phasing' of Withdrawal

U.N. Yugoslavs Move into Sinai

CAIRO, Tuesday (UP). — A motorized advance party of some 100 Yugoslav troops crossed the Suez Canal from Ismailia and entered the Sinai desert last night, an Egyptian military spokesman announced today.

Earlier, Maj.-Gen. E. L. M. Burns, ordered the Yugoslav troops under his command to take up positions east of the Canal in the Sinai peninsula between the Egyptian and Israel forces.

(Israel had informed the U.N. that there would be no Israel forces within a wide belt of territory east of the Suez Canal by the morning of December 3.)

The Yugoslavs were part of a Yugoslav contingent of more than 700 men which arrived on Monday in impressive array on 166 green-painted military vehicles — some of them Russian, some American — down the Suez Canal road from Port Said. The Yugoslav convoy, delayed in leaving Port Said for three hours because of mechanical trouble, passed through the buffer zone between the Egyptian and Anglo-French lines and arrived at El Ballah by the afternoon.

Smiles for Egyptians

The Yugoslavs smiled and waved at Egyptians standing along the road south of the buffer zone. At El Ballah they were greeted by Gen. Burns, and by the Egyptians.

Gen. Burns will soon set up his headquarters at El Ballah near the UNEF assembly buffer zone. A smaller Yugoslav party travelled from Port Said by train with 36 freight cars hauling the Yugoslavs' weapons and supplies.

It was reported that the Yugoslav column would include 20 armoured cars as well as other light armaments.

Meanwhile, a report from U.N. Headquarters said that Israel circles in both Washington and the U.N. feel that the U.N. Secretariat has has indulged in "calculated vagueness" regarding the relationship between Israel's promised withdrawal and the stationing of UNEF troops. Israel has not yet received assurances that Egypt will be forbidden to build up troop concentrations behind the UNEF lines.

Burns to See Dayan's Deputy

A meeting is scheduled to take place somewhere in Sinai tomorrow between Maj.-Gen. E. L. M. Burns, Commander of the U.N. Emergency Force, and a representative of Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan, Chief of Staff.

Their talks will cover the withdrawal from Sinai and the entrance of U.N. troops into the area.

Meanwhile, Lt.-Col. D. Ely, Gen. Burn's representative in Cairo, said only Mr. Dag Hammarskjold could answer the question if Yugoslav forces in Egypt were training Egyptian soldiers. He arrived in Lydda Airport yesterday in a U.N. plane from Beirut for a one-day stay. He was on a "routine visit" and would not meet Israel authorities.

Survey Made Of Eilat Pipeline

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday.—The route of the prospective oil pipeline from Beersheba to Eilat was surveyed today by Mekorot and Tahal engineers as plans for the project were hurried to completion.

Bulldozers and graders will shortly start preparing the surface along the route and the first pipes will start rolling into the Negev. These will be followed by trench-digging machines. The laying of pipes should start a few days later.

Participating in today's survey along the pipeline route were Mr. Tuvia Laufer, construction director, Mr. F. Charit, manager in charge of heavy equipment, Mr. Israel Levertovsky, director of the Negev district — all of Mekorot — and Mr. N. Anisfeld, chief planning engineer of Tahal.

France Backs U.K. on Gaza

By MAURICE CARR,
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS, Tuesday. — The Quai d'Orsay spokesman today praised Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd's proposal that Gaza be occupied by UNEF forces pending a permanent peace settlement. A special status for Gaza seemed "a good idea," the spokesman stated, since it was former Palestinian and not Egyptian territory.

The presence of UNEF would obviate Arab raids from Gaza against Israel. It should also facilitate the conclusion of a definitive peace — an objective which France has proclaimed all along to be absolutely essential and which is now recognized as indispensable by the U.S. and Britain as well, the spokesman asserted.

It was understood that Mr. Lloyd and Foreign Minister Pineau discussed the future status of Gaza during the latter's last visit to London but that no hard and fast agreement had been reached. No immediate steps are contemplated since it would take some time for UNEF to become strong enough to take over Gaza from Israel.

As to the role of the UNEF in Sinai, the spokesman stated that UNEF would prevent the return of "irresponsible Egyptian forces on Israel's frontier." By the word "irresponsible," he meant the *fedayeen* and he did not exclude the possibility of the return of regular Egyptian forces. However, he pointed out, as a result of the destruction of its Sinai bases, Egypt would not be able to to station offensive forces in the peninsula.

The spokesman expressed the hope that the future status of the Suez Canal could be settled by negotiations under the aegis of Secretary-General Hammarskjold and with the "goodwill" of Egypt before the canal is cleared by foreign companies under UNEF protection.

Asked if France still insisted upon international management of the Canal, he replied that she insisted, rather, on the implementation of principles adopted by the U.N. He refused to view with concern Egyptian Foreign Minister Fawzi's repudiation of those principles on an American television broadcast, and noted that the public statements of Arab leaders do not always reflect their real attitude.

Political observers here have the unmistakable impression that France and Britain have decided to place selves in the hands of Mr. Hammarskjold and of the U.S. Government from whom, in their view, the Secretary-General takes his orders. France and Britain are relying on the good sense of the U.S. and U.N. leaders to obtain a fair settlement and peace in the Middle East, without which the whole Western alliance is doomed to fall apart.

Pull-Out Fleet is Mustered

PORT SAID, Tuesday (UP). — Britain and France started mustering their withdrawal fleet in Port Said harbour today, but warned there will be no pull-out until agreement is reached on "phasing" with the United Nations Emergency Force.

Troopships and landing craft of the Anglo-French fleets based on Malta and Cyprus headed for the Allied beachhead. "All preliminary moves are being made in anticipation of orders yet to be received," a High Command spokesman said.

But the actual start of the withdrawal will hinge on negotiations starting tomorrow between the U.N.E.F. commander, Maj.-Gen. E.L.M. Burns, and the Allied Commander in Chief, Gen. Sir Hugh Stockwell.

The British and French Governments in their withdrawal declaration yesterday left it up to these two men to make the on-the-spot arrangements for blending U.N. forces into the Allied lines.

Gen. Stockwell said today, "As the aim is now to carry out withdrawal in the next two to three weeks, my plans will be made accordingly for this re-embarkation. I am confident that over this period of time it can be carried out in a dignified and orderly way and I am sure that the United Nations Emergency Force that will be deployed by then will be fully capable of assuming their responsibilities in Port Said and Port Fuad."

Ships in Position

Gen. Stockwell's spokesman later added that "shipping is already being positioned." The spokesman said three week of Allied salvage work among the scuttled ships here would speed the pull-out operation because docking space has been more than doubled.

He said Gens. Burns and Stockwell would discuss continuation of salvage work by British and French naval vessels as well as the "phasing" of in-bound U.N. and out-bound Allied forces.

The U.N. build-up was continuing as Britain and France brought the withdrawal fleet into position.

Some 270 men of the Colombian group were due to arrive today. Another 90 Danish reinforcements were also due. Swedish troops were expected shortly from Naples.

Meanwhile, an order went to the Fench Command at Port Fuad today to start the withdrawal of French forces from Egypt.

The British Navy yesterday raised a third Egyptian blockship, a scuttled tug, from the northern entrance of the Suez Canal.

The troopship Dilwara and the Cunard luxury liner Caronia are expected to arrive off Port Said tomorrow to evacuate Allied troops. Naval sources said another Cunard ship was also heading for Port Said. Seven tank landing ships are now at the quayside.

Washington: Canal Clearance Urgent

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuter). — The State Department statement welcoming the Anglo-French decision to withdraw forces from Egypt, said that "its implementation will strengthen the capacity of the U.N. to deal with aspects of the other Middle East problems which are still unfinished business."

Supporting the prompt re-opening of the Canal, the statement said "as the U.N. forces replace those of Britain and France, the clearance of the Canal becomes imperative. Every day of delay in restoring the Canal to normal use is a breach of the 1888 Constantinople treaty and a wrong to the large number of nations throughout the world whose economics depend so heavily on its reliable operation."

To help achieve a lasting peace, the U.S. will continue to fully support measures needed to make the U.N. police force "adequate and effective for its mission," the statement said.

It said the U.S. was determined to help to bring about a permanent settlement of other conflicts "which have plagued the Middle East over recent years."

Meanwhile, the Soviet news agency TASS said in a report from Paris today, "it is evident that the Governments of Britain and France can no longer oppose the decisions of the U.N. and under the pressure of world public opinion and of their own peoples are compelled to announce their consent to withdraw their troops from Egypt."

"The New York Times" said the statement announcing withdrawal represented a signal victory for the U.N. but the world organization "must not merely restore the *status quo* before the hostilities and leave the Middle East a powder keg for the Soviets to explode. Certainly the U.N. force must remain in the area until a settlement has been achieved, irrespective of Egypt's contrary claim."

In London, the "Daily Telegraph" stated "No good purpose can be served by pretending that the decision to withdraw from Port Said is not humiliating. The whole affair has been politically bungled by the British Government to an almost incredible degree."

The "Daily Express" said, "Mr. Lloyd clothes his case in respectable words. But the excuses are excuses for a surrender. Britain has given up her mission in the Middle East — no real assurance has been obtained. The problem has been handed back to the U.N. The Government is tired, maybe too tired to go on."

Reports on Iraq Riots Denied

The Iraqi Embassy in Beirut on Monday charged that the Arab press reports of recurring riots and demonstrations in Iraq are being fabricated in order to divert the attention of the Arab public from the unsettled state of affairs in other of the Arab states, according to "Falastin." The Ambassador emphasized that all is quiet in Iraq.

In Baghdad, the Director of the Department of Public Information denied reports that units of the Turkish Army had entered Iraq at the invitation of the Government to restore order. In Istanbul, the Turkish Minister of Defence also refuted the reports originally broadcast by Moscow Radio that two Turkish battalions had been sent to Iraq.

The Baghdad daily, "A-Sha'ab," reported on Monday that the Syrian Premier, Sabri Assali, had resigned under pressure from a military junta headed by the Army chief of intelligence, Colonel Abdul Hamid Sarraj. The paper said that President Shukri Kuwatly refused to accept the resignation and was trying to patch up the rift between the Premier and the Army leaders.

The reason given for Assali's reported resignation was that he left in protest against Army charges that Iraq tried to supply arms for a coup in Syria.

The U.S. Ambassador in Baghdad called on Premier Nuri Said yesterday to discuss the Iraqi request of last week for additional military assistance from the U.S. On Monday, the American Ambassador in Damascus met Premier Sabri Assali.

(Ina, UP, Reuter)

SAUDIA TO RESUME ANGLO-U.K. TIES

BERNE, Tuesday (Reuter). — Ali Reza, Saudi Arabian Minister of State, said here today that "Saudi Arabia will consider resuming relations with Britain and France when Anglo-French forces have left Egypt."

He added that this meant both diplomatic and economic relations — "naturally including oil." Oil shipments to Britain and France were discontinued by Saudi Arabia after the Anglo-French intervention in Egypt.

Rothberg Murder Trial Tomorrow

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The trial of two Arabs from Gaza, charged with complicity in the murder of Roy Rothberg, a member of Nahal Oz, will open on Thursday in the Beersheba magistrate's court. The murder took place last April outside the Gaza Strip settlement.

The two accused are a police sergeant from Gaza and an Arab tracker who followed the trail of the murderers with the U.N. observers, and maintained that he had lost the track.

A police spokesman noted that the incident occurred directly after the U.N. Secretary-General had visited the area and obtained assurances from Egypt that quiet would prevail on the border.

LIBYA SEEKS BREAK WITH U.K., FRANCE

The Libyan Parliament yesterday discussed the abrogation of her military treaty with Britain and the breaking off of political and economic ties with France, according to Radio Ramallah. Both bills were debated and then referred to committee.

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The President yesterday received the Governor of the Bank of Israel, Mr. David Horowitz.

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Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Halevi Herzog received yesterday the Count of Paris who was accompanied by his secretary. The President received yesterday Mr. Yigal Alon, M.K. Mr. Ben-Zvi also received Mr. Ezra Danin.

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The foundation stone for a building to house rubber and ceramics research laboratories will be laid at Technion City at 2.30 p.m. tomorrow in the presence of Mr. Pinhas Sapir, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Dr. Lincoln B. Hale, Director of the U.S. Operations Mission in Israel, and members of the Technion faculty and administration and invited guests.

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The monthly business meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club is to take place today at the Y.M.C.A. at 1.15 p.m. Haifa Rotary's business meeting today will be addressed by the Administrative Adviser, Mr. Wellesley Aron.

TURKISH ENVOY LEAVES FOR ROME

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — The Turkish Minister to Israel, Mr. Sefkati Istinyeli, who has been recalled to his country, left for Istanbul by S.A.S. today. He expressed his satisfaction regarding his term of office here, but refrained from making a statement on his recall. He was seen off by the staff of his legation, headed by Mr. Nureddin N. Akinci, Charge d'Affaires.

T.W.A. RESUMING

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The regular bi-weekly flights of Trans-World Airlines to Lydda airport will be resumed on Sunday, it was announced here today.

Aircraft will depart every Sunday and Wednesday.

The temporary ban on travel to Israel which prevented T.W.A.'s crews from landing here has now been lifted.

Anti-Polio Shots To Start January

Announcement of the beginning of the anti-polio inoculation programme will be made within a few days by the Minister of Health, Mr. I. Barzilai. The programme is expected to begin by January 1.

The Ministry is now sending stencilled instructions to physicians on the technical procedure to be used in the anti-polio campaign.

The Jaffa laboratory has produced 32 litres of the 80 litres planned for manufacture this year. Answers are still being awaited from Danish and American laboratories who are testing the locally produced serum. In Ministry storage freezers at present there is "more than enough" Salk vaccine from the U.S. for this year's programme.

Popular Loan Draw

In Popular Loan drawing number 32 (1949-1969), number 134516 won IL5,000, 69535 won IL2,500, and 119904 won IL1,000.

Numbers 95270, 11685, 19467, 148772 won IL500 each.

Numbers 258, 68935, 29695, 134000, 121535, 66201, 81580, 80612, won IL250 each.

HOSPITALS TO ADOPT BORDER AREAS

A programme for alleviating the shortage of physicians in border villages by the adoption of such areas by hospitals, is now in the final stages of preparation and will be brought before the Ministry of Health Executive in two weeks' time, it was learned yesterday from the Ministry.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM
at 3.30, 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.
ARNON: Backlash.
EDEN: "Les Fruits de l'Ete," 2nd week.
EDISON: Moby Dick.
ORGIL: Alexander the Great.
ORION: The Kidnappers.
ORNA: The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit, 2nd week.
RON: Cockleshell Heroes.
STUDIO: Riso Amaro.
TEL OR: Pushover.
ZION HALL: The Court Jester.

TEL AVIV
At 5.00, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.
ALLENBY: D-Day, The Sixth of June, 2nd week.
ARMON DAVID: Hobson's Choice, 4th week.
CHEN: The Solid Gold Cadillac, 2nd week.
EDEN: A Cigarette & A Glass, 7th week.
ESTHER: Kismet.
HAMERKAZ: Tom & Jerry Festival.
MIGDALOR: Never Wave at a Wac.
MOGRABI: Away All Boats.
OPHIR: The Eddy Duchin Story, 6th week.
ORION: Rebel Without A Cause, 6th week.
SHDEROTH: Back at the Front.
TAMAR: Modern Times, 7th week.
TCHELET: About Mrs. Leslie.
TABOR: Anna Karenina.
ZAMIR: "Cuore Ingrato," 12th week.

HAIFA
PEER: "Le Due Orfanelle."
GAL OR: Aida. Matinee: Captain Kidd.
AMPHITHEATRE: [illegible], 2nd week.
ORAH: Now and Forever, 2nd week.
ARMON: "La Donna La Piu Bella Del Mondo," 2nd week.
EN DOR: Left Hand of God.
ORLY: "La Pensionnaire."
MORIAH: A Star is Born. Matinee: Tarzan and the Slave Girl.
ORION: [illegible], 2nd week.
RAY: "Touchez Pas Au Grisbi."
ATZMON: Last Hunt.

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Soviet Troops To Stay in Rumania

MOSCOW, Tuesday (UP). — The Soviet Union has announced that Russian troops will "temporarily" remain in Rumania "in view of the international situation in Europe."

The statement was made in a joint Soviet-Rumanian communique issued yesterday following top level talks between leaders of the two countries in the Russian capital.

Attending the talks were the Soviet leaders, Nikolai Bulganin, Nikita Khrushchev, Lazar Kaganovich, Anastas Mikoyan, V. M. Molotov, Dmitri Shepilov, and Defence Minister Marshal Georgi Zhukov.

On the Rumanian side there were Premier Chivu Stoica and Vice-Premier Alexandru Birladeanu.

The statement said that the two governments still believe that the creation of military blocs and the division of European states into opposing groups, associated with the formation of N.A.T.O. was hindering the establishment of a stable peace.

Most Intense Cold War Back—Nehru

NEW DELHI, Tuesday (Reuter). — Premier Nehru told the Upper House of Parliament yesterday that the world had gone back to the "concept of cold war in its intensest form."

On the Middle East, he said the first step to check the "process of disruption and disintegration" which was causing a vacuum in the area was withdrawal of British, French and Israel Forces.

Opening a foreign affairs debate, Mr. Nehru accused Pakistan of "continuing aggression in Kashmir" by keeping forces there after, he said, a U.N. resolution had demanded their withdrawal eight years ago.

Referring to Hungary, Mr. Nehru said the breaking of an undertaking given by the Kadar Government to ex-Premier Nagy, resulting in his being arrested by the Russians and sent to Rumania, was "a very serious matter."

He said the Hungarian people should be allowed to fashion their own destiny and all foreign forces should be withdrawn, adding it was most unfortunate that Hungary was not allowing the U.N. Secretary-General to go to Budapest.

"The natural inference is that people begin to think that charges of deportation or other charges are true or partly true" he added.

VISITORS' GALLERY

German Catholic Looks For Cultural Ties with Israel

By H. BEN-ADI

"The State of Israel is here for good and is a power in the Middle East to be reckoned with."

This is the opinion of Dr. Heinrich Mertens, who came here on a two month visit from Germany. He is a Catholic writer who has been studying intellectual trends here and endeavouring, as a one-man mission, to find out whether it would be possible to renew cultural ties between Israel and the Germany of today.

Dr. Mertens told me that he had every assistance from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Education. He travelled all over the country, visited kibbutzim, centres of culture, elementary schools and Universities and he hopes he has collected sufficient material to write a book.

Dr. Mertens comes from Westphalia and has already written books on what he calls the "Borderlands of Theology." He translated Paul Claudel's book "I Love the Bible" and wrote a biography on the Pope Pius X.

He is very anxious to arrange in Germany for an exhibition of Jewish artists. But Ben-Yehuda is his favourite subject and Dr. Mertens would like to collect material for a biography of the lexicographer in German.

After all, Dr. Mertens said, Ben-Yehuda was closely connected with the pre-Hitler Germany and the first eight volumes of his work were printed there by a German publishing house.

Judging by the bookshops the visitor saw in Israel he thinks our literature is too much under Anglo-Saxon or French influence and should become much more independent. He admitted that they have the same problem in Germany. Plays and films there are also mainly Anglo-Saxon and French with the exception of revivals of old German classics such as Goethe, Schiller and Lessing. Curiously enough, he considers Shakespeare also as a German classic.

Dr. Mertens hopes to finish his book on Israel by 1957 and to revisit the country in a year's time.

Israel is to him the Land of the Bible: the Bible which has become alive again. The greatest symbol of this for him is the rebirth of the Hebrew language which for centuries was considered by the non-Jewish world to be a dead language.

Cuban Gov't Starts Anti-Rebel Operations

HAVANA, Tuesday (Reuter). — Combined operations by land, sea and air were set in motion today against revolutionary forces landing on the south coast of Cuba, near Manzanillo.

Yesterday, Cuban aircraft strafed a yacht believed to have been used by the revolutionaries and later it was seized by coastguard units, according to an Army headquarters announcement. On the yacht were arms and uniforms apparently belonging to the revolutionary leader, Fidel Castro.

Premier Jorges Garcia Montez told a joint session of Congress last night that it had been verified that the revolutionaries who landed near Manzanillo have a base in the Dominican Republic.

RADAR. — The Canadian Federal Government has decided to install a radar chain at 15 major airports across Canada to ensure greater safety for civilian aircraft. It will cost $8m.

Bond Sales Slow But Growing, Say Banks

Jerusalem Post Staff

The new Defence Loan is being looked upon in Tel Aviv not only as a national duty but also as a reasonable investment, the Head of the Security Department of the Bank Leumi said yesterday. It was too early yet to give figures, but he was optimistic about the results of the campaign.

The fact that banks had subscribed IL30m. of the issue did not mean that the public had subscribed these amounts. It will take some time before subscriptions for larger bonds come in as companies must first complete arrangements.

While other banks also reported a brisk trade in the Defence Loan today, the head of the Security Department of the Kupat Am Bank said that the public had not yet realized the full importance of the Bonds. He hoped, however, that the newspaper announcements would bring in more clients.

In Jerusalem, there was no rush for the purchase of the Bonds, but steady demand has continued for the past few days.

The demand for the Bonds was very light in Haifa banks yesterday, the first day of issue. Although banks remained open until 8 p.m. most reported only small sales, ranging from "almost none" to "fair" according to the individual banks. One bank manager said that while there had been no demand in his branch he had managed to sell a small amount through sales talk to clients.

Another manager expressed the opinion that publicity for the issue had been insufficient in Haifa. The public also appeared to feel that eventually everybody would be required to buy bonds through their places of work or otherwise.

The campaign started in Beersheba yesterday with double the subscription that had been expected. The highest individual sale was for IL3,000 and recent newcomers to the country were well to the fore.

Israelis to Bring Aid to Refugees

Two representatives of the Hungarian Immigrants Association are to leave for Vienna on Friday to meet with Hungarian Jewish refugees there. At the beginning of next week, two representatives each of the National Federation of Sephardi communities and the Egyptian Immigrants Association will leave for Italy and France to meet with Egyptian Jewish refugees.

The decision to bring "moral encouragement and offers of aid" to the exiles was taken after a meeting of these organizations last week with Mr. Meir Grossman, head of the Foreign Affairs Department of the Jewish Agency.

BABY FOUND IN JERUSALEM CAVE

A two-day-old baby girl was found on Monday night in a cave near the Yemin Moshe quarter of Jerusalem. The baby's cries attracted the attention of a neighbour, who found her dressed in rags.

The baby was taken to Hadassah hospital. The police is searching for the mother. (Itim)

MOTOR VEHICLE licence offices will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to enable owners of vehicles to obtain the special permits which will be required beginning Friday. (See Notice on this Page)

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
422, 249, 28.5 & 42.9 M.

News: Hebrew: 6.35, 7.00, 7.55, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00 a.m. 12.00, 1.30, 4.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00, 10.00 and 11.00 p.m. English: 1.45 p.m. French: 2.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8.00 a.m. 2.10 and 4.00 p.m.

6.00 a.m. Morning Programme (Haifa only). 6.30 Religious Service (R). 6.37 Callisthenics. 6.47 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Morning Melodies (R). 9.00 Close Down.

12.00 Music at Noon — Tino Rossi (Vocalist) (R). 12.30 "From the Concert Hall": Chopin: Piano Concerto No. 1 in E minor, op. 11 (Soloist: Alexander Brailowsky); Tchaikowsky: Capriccio Italien, op. 45 (Conductor: Eugene Ormandy). 2.30 Close Down.

4.00 Dancing Programme. 4.30 Joe Venuti (Violin). 4.45 "Hebrew Language Corner." 5.05 Weekly Talmud Lesson. 5.30 Youth Corner. 7.15 We Present Tonight. 7.18 Kindling of Lights and Hannukka Programme. 7.25 "Ron Ami." 7.50 Cantoral Requests. 8.20 Farmers Tell. 8.30 "Meet the Musician" — A Series of Recitals by Members of the "Kol-Yisrael" Orchestra: Arieh Sadeh (Violin) with Arieh Sachs at the Piano: Mozart: Sonata in E-minor, K. 304; Beethoven: Sonata No. 6 in G. 8.55 Bible Reading Shmuel 'A' Chapter 25. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 Entertainment Programme by J. Shimoni and S. Rosen. 10.00 Daily Hebrew. 10.05 Literary Corner. 10.15 "The Jerusalem Academy of Music presents..." Rafael Frenkel and Dvora Harrison (Violin), Tirzah Heinemann (Viola), Hadassah Etzion (Cello), Rahel Antmann (Piano): Beethoven: First Movement from String Quartet in C-minor; Chopin: Ballade No. 1; Saint-Saens: Rondo Cappricioso. 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
407, 469, 265, 42.9 & 33.3 M.
English News: 10.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (33.3, 42.9 & 460 M.): 1.45 Amiram Rigai (Piano). 2.15 Close Down.

5.30 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 5.45 Hebrew for Beginners: Dr. Kamrat. 6.00 Classical Music Requests. 7.00 Yiddish. 7.30 Ladino. 8.00 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.15 Persian. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Hungarian. 9.00 Interval. 9.30 French. 10.30 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): Programme to South Africa: 6.30 Kindling of Lights. 6.35 News. 6.40 "This Also Happened." 6.45 Kibbutz Choirs and Orchestras. 7.00 Hebrew Programme.

Programme to U.K.: 11.30 Kindling of Lights. 11.35 News. 11.40 "The Way We Live." 11.45 Musical Medley. 12.00 "The Week's News."

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 225 & 228 M.): 6.00 Opening and Kindling of Lights. 6.05 Request Favourites. 6.30 "Musical Key." 7.00 News. 7.10 "Pleasant Tunes." 7.30 Excerpts from Operas. 8.00 Programme for Hannukka by D. Rivlin. 8.30 The Army Orchestra. 9.00 News. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (13.85, 16.86, 19.82, 19.42 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News. News Talk. Youth Magazine.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

• Exhibitions: —
Permanent exhibition at the Department of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelekh. New rooms: Prehistory and Israelite period. Educational exhibit: How to arrange small local collections. Special exhibit: Finds from excavations in Jerusalem. 9-1, 3-5. (Fridays and eves of holidays 9-1; Saturdays and holidays, 10-1.)

Conquest of the Desert, Permanent Exhibition. Daily from 10-1, 4-6. On Friday from 10-1 only. The exhibition is closed on Saturday.

1) Sculptures and reproductions of works by Henry Moore. 2) American Silk Screen Printing. 3) Iranian Ceramics 1500 B.C.—1500 A.D. Exhibit of the Month. Door of an Imâmsâda (Shi'ite Shrine) Persia. Ispahan, 1293 A.D. (692 A.H.). Bezalel 9-1, 3-5.

1) "The Bible as seen by Israeli Children"; 2) Drawings by Japanese Children. Artists House, 10-1, 4-6.

Collective Exhibition of Paintings by Bacon, Gail, Schreter, Sima, Singer, Steinhardt. Silver works by D.H. Gumbel, Nora Art Gallery, 9 Maimon Ave. 10-1, 3-6.

• Dance: —
Menorah Officers' Club, 8.30 p.m.

• Tours: —
Hebrew University conducted tour. Call 4268, 6077.

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• Exhibitions: —
Works by Sioma Bram and Bela Brizel. Museum, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Young Artists Exhibit. Artists' Pavilion, 9 Rehov Alharizi, 10-1, 4-7.

• Lecture: —
Z.O.A. House at 8.30 p.m. — "What's New in Literature." (Hebrew).

• Theatre: —
Habimah, "I Like Mike," 11 a.m. "In the Plains of the Negev," 8. Cameri, "An Everyday Occurrence." Mograbi, 5.30 and 8.30. "He Walked Through the Fields." New Cameri Hall, 5.30 and 8.

HAIFA

• Exhibition: —
Sima Sloniim, Carmel-Studio, Mt. Carmel, 3 Wedgwood Ave. 9-1, 4-7. Entrance free.

RAMAT GAN

• Ice Show: —
Ice Parade. 11 a.m., 3.30 and 8 p.m.

PETAH TIKVA

• Theatre: —
DO-RE-MI, "Pajama Game," 8.

TIBERIAS

• Theatre: —
Ohel, "Donna Gracia," 8.

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TOMORROW, DEC. 6, at 8 P.M.
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Poetry: I. M. LASK Text: MICHAEL ELKINS
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M.D.A. Extends Duties, Appeals for Aid

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — A lottery will be held by Magen David Adom in order to add to its limited funds, M.D.A.'s chairman, Dr. Y. [illegible] announced yesterday. Without curtailing its usual work, the organization had put special resources at the service of the Army and civil defence authorities during the recent emergency.

M.D.A. had arranged for the care of Egyptian wounded P.o.W.'s, and provided a mobile dispensary and a sick tent. It transported to Lydda those wounded prisoners who have now returned to Egypt. P.o.W. mail was transmitted and contact maintained between Gaza Arabs and their families in the Arab countries.

Dr. Koti pointed out that during the emergency, Magen David Adom continued to maintain its 44 branches throughout the country, providing ambulances and first-aid service.

WIZO ENTERTAINS VILLAGERS IN TOWN

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Forty women from Gan Hadarom, a village settled by Iraqi immigrants, were entertained yesterday by Wizo, of which organization they are members. They were taken to the Wizo bazaar and Ohel's musical play. In the evening, each guest was received in the home of a Tel Aviv member.

SOCIAL STUDIES IN U.S.

The National Council of Jewish Women is granting a number of one-year and two-year scholarships for post-graduate study in the U.S. in social welfare or education.

Applications by graduates working in those fields should be made by the end of December to P.O. Box 640, Jerusalem.

MOROCCO SURE OF AMERICAN AID

CASABLANCA, Tuesday (Reuter).—Foreign Minister Ahmed Balafrej said yesterday he was sure the U.S. would give economic aid to Morocco.

Answering questions at Casablanca airport on his return from the U.S., Balafrej said that an American commission to study technical questions had arrived in Morocco.

JORDAN CHANGING ELECTION LAW

The Jordan Cabinet will shortly present to Parliament a bill to amend the electoral law to conform with those in force in Syria and the Lebanon, Ramallah Radio has reported. It is also proposed to abolish the Senate.

'Play the Game' Appeal At Olympic Games

MELBOURNE, Tuesday (Reuter). — Officials appealed today to spectators to keep politics out of sport during a fencing item of the current Olympiad, in which Soviet Russia was matched against Hungary.

The crowd had loudly cheered Hungary's sabre team and silently greeted the Russians. Tremendous applause marked every Hungarian win.

Then came an official announcement: "You are requested to remember that sportsmanship transcends national barriers, and to be more impartial with your applause." The Russians received more applause after the appeal, but it did not match that given to the Hungarians.

The Hungarians beat the Russians in a keenly fenced match 9-7. This time Kovacs lost three of his four bouts, but Keresztes and Rudolf Karpati, the 1954 world champion who replaced Gerevich for this match, each won three bouts. One Russian, Lev Kouznetsov, recorded three wins.

In the semi-finals of the soccer tournament, Yugoslavia, a silver medallist in 1948 and 1952, beat India 4-1 and will play for the gold medal on Saturday. Their opponents will be the winners of the Russia-Bulgaria game to be played tomorrow.

Swimming again took the spotlight. In the striking glass-framed pool, the world's best breast-stroke exponents clipped the Olympic record five times in heats. In heats for the women's 4X100 metres freestyle relay, Japan and France were eliminated.

Aussie Girls Strong

The Australian and South African girls returned the best times. The British team with 17 year old Judy Grinham, a backstroke individual record breaker of yesterday, completing the four, edged the French girls out of the final by 2 seconds.

The strength of the Australian girls is such that today they came within 6/10ths of a second of the Olympic record using only their reserve quartette. For the final they will be able to draw on the 2X300 metres freestyle medallists, and Sandra Morgan, who swam a splendid leg today.

Mrs. Pat McCormick, of the United States, won the Olympic women's springboard diving title.

The first gold medal of the day went to Russia, when Vitalii Romanenko won the running deer shooting contest, to win Russia's 19th gold medal these Games. Romanenko, a 30 year old Kiev book-keeper, scored 441 out of 500, but fell 6 marks below his National record. A silhouette model of an antlered deer is run on a rail track 23 metres across the firing sector in 4 seconds at a distance of 100 metres. Top score is awarded for hits in the most vulnerable parts of the canvas target its "hearts."

In yesterday's single shots, Olaf Skoldberg, of Sweden, had a three mark lead, but he was overtaken by Romanenko's consistency today, when the marksmen had to fire 20 double shots. The Hungarian world champion, Miklos Kovacs, took fourth place, one mark ahead of his compatriot, Miklos Kocsis, and seven more ahead of the leading Norwegian, Rold Bergersen. Skoldberg gained the silver medal with 432 points, nine below Romanenko's score, and another Russian, Vladimir Sevriougouine, won the bronze medal with a total of 429.

In the Exhibition Building, the Greco-Roman wrestlers tackled their second round bouts. For half of them it was a "last chance" as the penalty points system eliminates anyone who loses twice. The fancied candidates survived in the lighter weights, but the Turkish bantamweight, Yasra Yilmas, who won the World Cup contest last May, was outpointed. He lost to a Russian, Vytoupaev, who had lost his previous bout with Rumania's Francisco Horvat on a split decision, reversed after a protest.

Falls were recorded today by two flyweights. Turkey's world cup winner, Dursun Erbas threw the Australian Hakansson in 105 seconds, and the Russian, Nikolai Soloviev, disposed of Andre Zoete, of France, in 4½ minutes.

Among the gold medal winners today were:—Murray Rose, of Australia, in the men's 400 metres freestyle swimming; Hungary — the sabre team event by defeating Poland in the final; Italy—the 4,000 metres team pursuit cycling event; Anatolii Bogdanov, Russia—small bore rifle shooting from three positions.

REFUGEES

(Continued from Page 1)

now been released by the Rumanian Government. They hoped that all would be permitted to come to Israel. Today's arrivals had served terms of from three to seven years while the two women had been imprisoned for over four years. They were not clear of the exact location of their prison camps, where conditions had been "very hard."

Mr. Shragai told the press that the Swiss Government had been the first to grant transit visas to any Jew expelled from Egypt. On Sunday he had received a cable that the Italian Government had now also followed suit and cabled its consulates in Egypt to issue transit visas to all expelled Jews who needed them.

This decision followed a Jewish Agency undertaking that all the Jews would be permitted to come to Israel. He expressed the Agency's thanks to the two Governments and to the Red Cross for the aid they had given the Jewish victims of the Egyptian dictator.

He also appealed to UNRWA and the Red Cross to help the Jews of Egypt leave that country and aid their settlement in Israel, as they were helping the refugees from Hungary.

He urged international news agencies to inform the Jews of Egypt that they could get transit visas and permission to immigrate into Israel — facts that in their despair they did not know of. It was also important to let them know what fate awaited them if they stayed behind.

Sabbath Arrival

Mr. Shragai stated that the s.s. Israel was to have sailed from Venice on Friday afternoon, but half-an-hour before sailing time news was received of the imminent arrival of the Achilles with Jewish refugees aboard. The Israel was held back, although this meant that she would have to leave after the beginning of the Sabbath. "In this case, we decided that we had to desecrate the Sabbath rather than leave Jews to their fate." By special permission from Rome, the 29 Jews who had opted to come to Israel were permitted to disembark from the Achilles and board the Israel.

Rabbi Ratz told the press that he had escaped from Hungary into Austria with a group of Christians last month. They had travelled to the border in a lorry from Budapest and had walked the last few miles. Shortly before reaching the frontier, they were fired on by Russian soldiers but they succeeded in getting across the lines.

On his release from prison last May, he returned to his post of teacher at the Jewish High School in Budapest which had some 130 pupils. However he was no longer permitted to teach Hebrew, and gave lessons in religion. The school was maintained by the community with some aid from the Government. He hoped now to go to an *ulpan* to improve his Hebrew, and eventually become a teacher here.

The newcomers from Egypt are staying at the Sha'ar Ha'Aliya reception camp for a few days and will then be given an opportunity to settle near Tel Aviv. Of the immigrants from Hungary, a number are joining kibbutzim, while others are going to live with relatives and some are settling at Benyamina. The Rumanian newcomers were sent to the Jewish Agency Hostel at Kiryat Haim until their settlement can be arranged. Some of them are also going to live with relations.

One, an elderly couple who have arrived from Egypt via Athens by Swissair, said they have three children in this country. The couple, who possess Greek papers, were given a week's grace in which to leave Egypt. They said they had no news since the deportation began of a fourth son living in Cairo.

Another family on the same plane, a young couple with their three small children, said they had been expelled from Egypt and robbed of all their possessions. Being stateless, their deportation was made possible by the provision of Egyptian travel documents.

700 At Jerusalem Hanukka Party

Over 700 youngsters participated in a Hanukka party held by Keren Yaldenu on Monday afternoon at the Tel Or hall in Jerusalem. The children are members of the organization's five youth clubs in the city.

Music was provided by the police band and gifts and sweets were distributed.

Early this week, the Keren Yaldenu settlement house in the Musrara quarter held a neighbourhood party for adults in co-operation with the Education Department of the Jerusalem Municipality.

BULGARIA PURGES ARMY OFFICERS

PARIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — "France-Soir" said in a Belgrade dispatch today that two Bulgarian generals had been demoted and 200 officers and non-commissioned officers reduced to the ranks in a purge of the Bulgarian Army.

The purge was launched by the Bulgarian Government against "deviationists" in the upper ranks of the Army for passive resistance to the Communist Government's policy, the paper said. The demoted generals were named as Yonoke Panov and Boris Kopchev.

TWO EXHIBITIONS by Bella Brisel and Siona Baram, Israel artists working in Paris, opened at the Tel Aviv Municipal Museum yesterday.

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5½% Gov. Bds. (large)	98
Pal. Bearer Bds. Ser. 3	[illegible]
3½% Tazat Dollar z) y)	74
4 % Reg. Sterling "A"	104
Pal. Elec. pref.sh. (Ldn	267
6½% Bonds 57/64 f)	101½
ditto g)	104¼
Keren Hayesod 6½ % Deb. 55/65 f)	100
ditto g)	99
Igreth Ltd. 6½ %	98½
Deb. 58/68 f)	148
Bk. Leumi ord. sh.	98½
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A.P.B. Investmt.	104½
ord. sh. "B" reg.	94½
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Ellern's Inv. ord.	97½
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Gen. Mortg. Bk. ord. sh.	82
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Mir 5% pref. sh.	76
Pass 6% debs. 60/64 reg.	81
"Tava" 5% debs.	61
Afr. Pal Inv. ord. sh.	84½
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5% debs.	88½
Rassco 6% pref. ord. sh.	92
Ata ord "B" sh.	86
6-8% con. debs.	93
"Kardaseh" ord. "B"	311
7% con. debs. 58/68	750
Meller-Dee ord. sh. reg.	68
Pal.-Brewery 8% con. debs	68½
Assis Bajerano "B" sh.	100
Nesher 6% debs. "A"	113½
Pal. Potash "A" ord. Sh.	78
"Teva" ord. Sh.	98½
Pal. Cold St. ord. sh. reg.	167
Delek Ord. sh. "C"	90
Pal. Centr. 8% debs.	86
Meherot pref. sh.	72½
Jordan Exploration Co. Ord. Sh reg.	155

Notes: a) purchasing price; b) selling price; c) ex-coupons; d) ex-dividend; e) ex-right; f) linked with $; g) linked with C.o.L.; z) in % of IL1.800; y) in Prutot.

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JERUSALEM: Resnick, 15 Gaza Road, 3662; Hatchiya, Geula, cor. Strauss, 2452.

TEL AVIV: Tabetchnik-Borochov, 17 Allenby, 24553; Nordau, 163 Ben Yehuda, 23573; Frankel, 28 King George, 23721; Dr. Michelin, 112 Allenby, 3263; Hadassah, Hatikva Qtr., 67684. JAFFA: Glinka, 19 Rehov 4, 83429. RAMAT GAN: Amit, 130 Modi'in, 72954. GIVATAYIM: Noga, opp. Fire Brigade, 73450. RISHON LEZION: Malal. REHOVOT: Klibner, Teller St., 341.

HAIFA: 31 Joseph, 4014.

EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

JERUSALEM: Dr. Romanov, 11 Arlosoroff, 61217; Dr. Gelbski, 29 King George, 2058; Dr. Abeles, 19 Ussishkin, 2688.

HAIFA: Dr. Sherman, 2 Hanevi'im, 2424; Dr. Ludwig, 24 Shivat Zion, 67417.

TEL AVIV: Dr. Griffel, 5 Ben Yehuda, 23496; Dr. Shaham, 1 Syrkin, 25942. JAFFA: Dr. Weinberg, 4 Rehov 65; Dr. Alkalay Shabbat, opp. Ajami Police Station.

BY ORDER OF THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER
Re: The estate of Shimon Glozober
Auction Sale
will be held on Sunday, Dec. 9, 1956, at 9 a.m., at the Mahne Yehuda Police Station, Jerusalem.
Silver, brass pewter articles, jewellery and ancient coins.
List can be obtained from
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Notices to the Public

TWO INTERNATIONAL CONTESTS FOR THE ELEVENTH TRIENNALE IN MILAN

Israel artists invited

The Israel Committee for the Eleventh Triennale, sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Jerusalem, announces two international contests for the Eleventh Triennale.

First contest:
Design of a poster for the Triennale. Prize: 600,000 Lire.

Second contest:
Samples of printed material for curtains, covers, upholstery, bedspreads, etc. Prizes for this contest amount to 2.5 million Lire: six prizes of 250,000 Lire each and 20 prizes of 100,000 Lire each.

Artists and craftsmen interested in participating in either of the above contests may apply in person or in writing to The Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Jerusalem.

The deadline for submitting applications for the poster contest is January 11, 1957; and for the textile contest, January 25, 1957.

URGENT NOTICE TO VEHICLE OWNERS

The Controller of Road Transport wishes to draw the attention of owners of vehicles that as from December 7, 1956, vehicular traffic will not be allowed to use the roads unless show(ing) the special sticker issued in connection with the travel restrictions. The police have been instructed to act against all offenders.

Special arrangements have been made to help vehicle owners obtain travel permits and the Licensing Offices will remain open to the public from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

During the first two days the public's response was limited. As a result there will be unnecessary crowding during the final days of the week and latecomers may be left without permits at the beginning of next week.

Owners of vehicles are therefore requested, for their own benefit, to apply to the Licensing Offices as soon as possible.

NOTICE
is hereby given
that an extraordinary
general meeting of
shareholders of
INCODE (DJIBOUTI) S.A.
will be held at the offices of INCODE, 65 Rehov Ibn Gvirol, Tel Aviv,
on January 5, 1957, at 5 p.m.
Agenda: Election of new Board of Directors.
INCODE — Management

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INCODE (ETHIOPIA) S.A.
will be held at the offices of INCODE, 65 Rehov Ibn Gvirol, Tel Aviv,
on January 5, 1957, at 6 p.m.
Agenda: Election of new Board of Directors.
INCODE — Management

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TO LET to single man furnished room with conveniences in central Tel Aviv. Tel. 3164, Tel Aviv.

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EXCELLENT English-Hebrew shorthand-typist seeks position. Phone 21421, Tel Aviv, from 10 a.m.-12 noon and 4-6 p.m.

Vehicles

PRIVATE car, from 1950 on, up to 18 h.p. wanted, from private person. Tel. 62282, P.O.B. 1125, Tel Aviv.

Today's Posting

WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy, possible light local rains.

	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	40	17	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tiberias	40	20	27	[illegible]
Haifa Port	55	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Natanya	78	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tel Aviv Kirya	80	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tel Aviv Port	55	13	[illegible]	21
Lydda Airport	70	15	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jerusalem	46	15	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beersheba	[illegible]	14	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sdom	26	14	[illegible]	27
Eilat	30	16	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sinai	—	—	—	[illegible]

*A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

ARRIVALS

Mr. L. B. Rajas, a leader of the Peruvian Christian Democratic Party and director of the Peru-Israel Cultural Institution, with his wife, from Paris for a two-day visit as guests of the Government. (By Air France).

Miss Joyce Kadish and Mr. Lucien Harris from a mission in England on behalf of the Zionist Organization.

DEPARTURES

Mr. Ivan Zaitsev, director of the Soviet Scientific Mission in Jerusalem during the past six years, and his deputy Mr. L. Kerasimov, returning home (by S.A.S.). Mr. Zaitsev will be replaced by Mr. B. Pavlovski, his second deputy.

Mr. S. Mikunis, Communist M.K., to attend the eighth convention of the Italian Communist Party (by Air France).

EQUIPMENT from reparations for RM3,300,000 is to be supplied to 13 industrial firms, the Economic Ministerial Sub-Committee for Reparations decided this week.

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THE PRESIDENT'S Fund for Israel Children has presented Hanukka gifts of sweets and toys to 1,500 children of Reservists in the Jerusalem area who were called up for the Sinai campaign.

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TEL AVIV Municipal Departments have been instructed to discontinue employment of over 150 casual workers because of the city's reduced budget.

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A TOY FOR *The Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund was the entrance fee for children to the Hanukka party at the South African Hostel. About 150 toys were collected.

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VOTING IN elections of the seamen's union starts today. 2,000 seamen on thirty ships will cast ballots and the voting will continue for a month, since crews of ships now abroad will vote on their arrival here.

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PRESIDENT BEN-ZVI will broadcast Hanukka greetings to the troops over the Army Programme at 8.05 p.m. today. The broadcast will also be heard over Kol Yisrael.

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THE WATCHMEN of Israel — a union 150 strong — met yesterday in Ashkelon to celebrate their first year of organized activity. In keeping with their trade, they sat up all night around a bonfire and ate *shashlik*.

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MACCABI TORCH RUNS TODAY

One thousand Maccabi sportsmen will run in tomorrow's twelfth annual torch run from Modi'in, near Latrun, to various parts of the country. The run which is to start at 9.30 a.m. is scheduled to reach President Yitzhak Ben-Zvi in Jerusalem at 3 p.m. Another torch is expected in Tel Aviv at 4 p.m. and Magdiel at 5 p.m. A torch will also be borne to the grave of the late President Chaim Weizmann in Rehovot.

The torches will be lit at the graveside of the Maccabees at Modi'in. The final stretch to Jerusalem, will be run by Maccabi management members, who will present the torch to the President.

Scout Council Meets in Jerusalem

The 23rd National Council of the Israel Scouts Association convened yesterday in the Louise Waterman Wise Youth Hostel, Bayit Vegan.

One hundred and fifty delegates are participating in the meeting, as representatives of 10,000 scouts, seven kibbutz settlements and 10 settlement groups. Delegates of the Minorities Scouts Association are also present.

Greetings were sent by President Ben-Zvi, Mayor Agron and the Ministry of Education and Culture.

The Council is considering the strengthening and expansion of the Scout movement and its development as an active force in the unity of Israel youth. The discussion followed opening talks by Mr. Arie Kroch, head of the scout organization, and Aharon Yadlin, a member of Kibbutz Hatzerim. Other speakers on the opening day were Mr. Yosef Meyuhas, Commissioner of the Scout Federation, and Mr. Yehoshua Yadlin, National Secretary.

The Council will close this afternoon with the adoption of resolutions and the election of various governing committees.

Red Cross, MDA Repatriate First Batch of Egypt PoW's

By PAUL KOHN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — The first group of wounded Egyptian prisoners of war, captured during the Sinai campaign, was repatriated this morning in an efficient joint operation of the International Red Cross and the Magen David Adom.

The 27 prisoners had been scheduled to fly to Cairo on Sunday. They then waited in vain for the two Italian military aircraft scheduled to transfer them, and were returned to their hospital beds. The planes reached Lydda yesterday and today the prisoners took off at 10.20 a.m., an hour after their arrival at the airport.

Shortly after nine o'clock, a convoy of nine M.D.A. ambulances sped to the runways where the air-crews were revving up the engines of the Red-Cross marked planes. M.D.A. male and female nurses helped the Red Cross nurses to lift the stretchers onto the aircraft beds. The prisoners laughed and smoked, and waved to friends made during their stay in the Hospital. Private Halil Halil el Masri said in French "Don't forget to give my love to Miriam." A few minutes later, Nurse Miriam Gamal, an immigrant from Egypt, arrived at the Airport having hitched a lift. She was off duty this morning, but said she wanted to see her patients off. Miriam still has family in Egypt.

"I no longer have any hate for Israel," Sergeant Abdul Suleiman, the highest ranking soldier of those repatriated, told reporters. He is from Mansoura near Cairo, and has been in the regular Egyptian Army for seven years. He served the 21st Infantry Regiment at Sharm el Sheikh, and was wounded in the face.

Humane Treatment

Twenty-two-year-old Private Bayumi Ramadhan, when asked what sort of treatment he had expected after being captured, said: "I know many Jews in Cairo and I knew I would be treated humanely." Born in Cairo, Ramadhan has served two years in the Egyptian Army and was wounded in his legs at El Arish. All the prisoners said they were satisfied with their treatment here. Asked what they thought of their officers, some of the P.o.W.'s said they preferred not to speak about them.

All the prisoners were given gift parcels of cigarettes, chocolates, and citrus fruits for the trip, estimated to take some two hours.

The Italian S-82 transport planes which carried the prisoners arrived here yesterday. However, the transfer was not carried out immediately because it would have continued until well after dark, to the detriment of the wounded men. On Sunday the aircraft had been delayed at Capodichino Airport near Naples by bad flying weather over the Mediterranean, according to Colonel Michaelangelo Serafini, the Italian Captain of the flight. The planes flew from Italy to Cairo and then came here. The crew stayed at the Ramat Aviv Hotel last night.

With the plane, which was fitted with 20 beds, came Dr. F. Casi of the International Red Cross and two young Swiss nurses, Verena Hanni and Matilde De Schwaab. None of them had heard anything of the Israelis captured by Egypt while in Cairo.

Israel Prisoners

The departure of the wounded prisoners at the Airport today was observed by the Italian Military Attache Col. Ottavio Di Casola, Dr. Y. Kott, Chairman of the M.D.A. Executive, and Dr. Louis Guilland, the local representative of the International Red Cross, who accompanied the wounded to Cairo. Dr. Guilland said that while in Egypt he would inquire about the Israel prisoners in Egyptian hands, of whom nothing has been heard so far. It was not known how many of the Israel prisoners were wounded, though one of them was "Lieutenant Etkes" an Israel pilot.

Dr. Guilland said he visited the hospitalized Egyptian prisoners several times and described their treatment here as "very good indeed." He expected to fly from Cairo to Rome and to return here at the end of the week.

Travelling on the same flight with the prisoners was Mrs. J. A. el Halabi with her six children, on her way to join her husband, an officer in the Yemenite Police Force. Her youngest child was less than two months old and was being suckled while they waited their turn to board the plane.

Members of a well known Gaza family in Mandatory times, they had come back to Gaza three months ago to enable the children to receive an education. The father then returned to the Yemen, and his wife applied to the Israel authorities for permission to join him.

Israel had agreed, but as Mrs. el Halabi had no documents, the Egyptians had refused her transit facilities. The International Red Cross agreed to take the family under its protection, but it was still not known here whether the Egyptians would allow the family to continue direct to the Yemen or would require them to be taken to Rome by the Red Cross. The family took a chance and hitch-hiked to Cairo with the repatriated prisoners.

Israel and France Have Common Aim Says Count

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—France and Israel share a common interest and a common task in the Middle East, declared Henri, Count of Paris, Pretender to the French Throne, on the eve of his departure after an eight-day visit as guest of the Government. "Both our countries wish to implement Western technique and culture in the Arab world around us. We wish to defend our own civilization," said the Count, who prefaced his remarks by warmly thanking the Israel Government for their invitation.

The dignified elegance of the French Ambassador's mansion in Givat Aliya provided a perfect setting for the farewell. Pacing the rich carpets with a springy tread, the Count of Paris did not look his 48 years. Tanned from a week of touring — and his regular sporting pursuits — he was full of admiration for what he "had to see in order to believe."

The Count believed that French agricultural experience in Morocco could help farmers here. A correspondent asked the Count, "If you were king, would you favour Franco-Israel alliance?" "Yes," answered the Pretender to the Throne, "As far as there are mutual interests."

MOST RESERVISTS' FAMILIES PAID

By yesterday 88 per cent of the family allowances owing to dependents of the reservists who were called up recently had been paid out, the Defence Ministry spokesman announced.

He was commenting on many complaints of delays in these payments. The remaining 12 per cent should be paid within two days.

About one third of the servicemen's families had applied for the IL30 advance payment, and all these applicants were paid by November 14.

Asmodeus, Gabriel In Extortion Charge

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Mr. M. Dehan, member of Lydda Town Council, and Mr. E. Amar of Jaffa were today charged with extorting IL15,400 under cover of witchcraft with the Devil Asmodeus and the Archangel Gabriel.

Mr. M. Ben Shoshan of Lydda, the plaintiff, stated that in 1954 Mr. Dehan introduced his friend as a wizard and astrologer. Amar convinced Mr. Ben Shoshan, with the help of Dehan, that he was in league with the Devil Asmodeus and the Archangel Gabriel.

During a seance — accompanied by flaming apparitions — the spirits revealed that a treasure, including 75 kilogrammes of gold, was hidden in Mr. Shoshan's house.

They also revealed that Mr. Ben Shoshan was destined to be the "Redeemer of Moroccan Jewry." The two defendants received IL14,500 between them, IL14,000 being paid to Amar for magic incense to exorcise devils guarding the treasure and the rest on account, for discovering the imaginary hoard.

Several residents of Lydda testified at the Tel Aviv District Court that Ben Shoshan and Amar had purchased a house for their seances. The witnesses were questioned by Advocate D. Gorman, on behalf of Mr. Dehan, and by Mr. S. Lebel for the defendants.

The trial was adjourned until January 6.

Bless Trial Opens At Rehovot

REHOVOT, Tuesday. — The preliminary investigation of Shimon Bless, 27, of Beit Dagon, charged with possession of military documents in contravention of the Official Secrets Law, began before Magistrate A. Aloof today.

The accused, who arrived from Iraq six years ago, is translator and correspondent for Arab affairs for the Communist daily "Kol Ha'am." He was released on IL500 bail supplied by the editor of his paper.

According to the charge, Bless had in his room on August 24, 1956, 24 military maps, 39 military forms enumerating the standard equipment of an army unit, a letter addressed to a military office which had not been forwarded to its destination, and 400 rounds of small calibre rifle ammunition. *(Itim)*

YEARS. — According to Moscow Radio, Mr. Iosif Vasilevich Shapiro, of Kharkov, has interviewed about 6,000 people most of them aged over 100 and found that an even temperament, happy disposition, stable character, enough food, comfortable surroundings and continual work are essential for longevity.

Unanimous Vote For 'Prompt Pay' Bill

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Wage Protection Bill passed its first reading unanimously in the Knesset yesterday and was referred to the Labour Committee.

In his reply to the debate, the Minister of Labour, Mr. M. Namir, said that delays in the payment of wages were undoubtedly often connected with general economic and financial difficulties. But this did not mean that, until the causes of wage delays were removed, nothing should be done to alleviate the problem.

With reference to the criticism of the power vested in the wage commissioners, Mr. Namir said that the commissioners would be able to take action only when the employer admitted that the wage was due. By setting up labour courts, much of the value of the law — quick action — would be vitiated.

Personal Status

Without opposition, the Knesset passed the final reading of the Amendment to the Personal Status Regulations (Consular Authority), which brings in line with prevailing world practice the authority granted to consuls to deal with unlitigated matters pertaining to the personal status of their nationals.

The bill was supported by the religious parties who, on the first reading, had maintained that the bill infringed on the sole authority granted to the rabbinical courts to perform marriages and issue divorces.

Emergency Rules

The Knesset also passed, without debate, the first readings of two bills extending the validity of emergency regulations for another six months.

The first of these deals with controls on food and on prices of goods and services. The second requires the approval of the Minister of Defence before an exit permit is issued to a person subject to the draft.

This morning's session of the Knesset will be devoted to motions for the agenda.

Histadrut Council Meets Today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The political situation, the role of professionals in the Histadrut and the State and the future status of labour exchanges, are the three main points scheduled for discussion at the meeting of the Histadrut Council opening tomorrow night at the Habimah Theatre. A galaxy of speakers are to appear before more than 280 delegates at the opening. They include Mr. Pinhas Lavon, M.K., the Secretary-General of the Histadrut, Mr. Hakon Lie, General Secretary of the Norwegian Labour Party, and M. Irving Brown, political representative in Europe of the A.F. of L.-C.I.O.

It is expected that the Histadrut's proposal for nationalizing the labour exchanges will be opposed by the Ahdut Ha'avoda and Mapam delegates. These parties have already voiced opposition to nationalization as suggested by Mapai. A united front is expected on the other points, except for opposition to the political platform on the part of the Communists. Mr. Simha Blass will start off the discussion on professionals in the Histadrut.

Party Statements

Party statements are scheduled to be delivered for Mapai by Mr. R. Barkatt, who has just returned from the meeting of the Socialist International at Copenhagen, Mr. Y. Hazan, M.K. for Mapam, and Mr. Y. Tabenkin for Ahdut Ha'avoda, as well as by a representative of Ha'oved Hazioni.

The council will meet until Friday noon, when it will pass resolutions. It will be the first council meeting since the Histadrut Convention, although the Histadrut constitution requires it to meet every six months.

Only Israel Money Legal in Gaza

Israel currency is the only legal tender for trade in the Gaza Strip, according to an announcement made by the Military Governor of the area yesterday.

All Egyptian currency that has not been exchanged as yet will not be legal for any "money activities." All people living in the Strip, will, however, be permitted to keep all their Egyptian currency in whatever form they wish. They may open Egyptian accounts in the banks, or keep it with them in their homes. The rate of exchange for the Egyptian pound remains IL3.5.

Eshkol Wants Tahal, Mekorot in Lachish

In order to populate the Development areas, Mr. Levi Eshkol, the Minister of Finance, has suggested that Mekorot and Tahal transfer their central offices to the Lachish area, it was learned yesterday from Ministry sources.

It is understood that the two water companies are facing the problem of centralizing their managing offices. Construction of a central building might cost them over IL1m. Neither Company has received the Minister's proposal with enthusiasm, it is learned, and the building of central offices may be postponed for the time being.

Jerusalem-Born Sara Amram and her son Ivan meet at Jerusalem police headquarters yesterday. They were both expelled from Jordan after having lived there since the War of Liberation.

Photo by Meyerowitz

Mother and Son Reunited On Expulsion from Jordan

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A young mother and her son — who had passed themselves off as Christians for the past eight years — were united yesterday in Jerusalem after both had been expelled from Jordan.

The 29-year-old mother, Mrs. Katherine Alexandrova (Sara Amram), was imprisoned by the Jordanians on charges of espionage two years ago. She was brought straight from prison in the Old City to Mandelbaum Gate while her son, Ivan, was brought from a home in Ramallah.

Mrs. Amram, who had been raised in the Beit Yisrael quarter of Jerusalem by her parents, immigrants from Afghanistan, married a Polish soldier 10 years ago. She was disowned by her family, who have since moved to Holon.

When the war broke out in 1948, her husband and son were in Bethlehem. She crossed the lines to be with them. Later, her husband deserted her and she placed the boy in a home in Bethlehem.

She crossed into Israel several times from Jordan. On one occasion she was caught, she told the Jerusalem police yesterday, by the Hagana. She asked to be sent back as her son was in Jordan, and this was done through the International Red Cross.

In Jordan, she passed herself off as a Christian. She worked as an inspector for UNRWA in refugee camps and also as a nurse.

In July, 1953, she was found guilty of espionage on the basis of several letters she had written in Hebrew to her family and which she intended to smuggle into Israel. She was sentenced to two years in prison. At the end of the term, she was not released. She was informed, however, that she would be expelled to Israel. This was done yesterday.

Members of her family came up to Jerusalem yesterday from Holon to meet her.

Strike Over Kashrut Looms on s.s. Israel

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The Seamen's Union has informed the Zim Company that it will call a strike on the s.s. Israel which is due to sail Thursday for the U.S., unless a butcher employed in the ship's kitchen remains a member of the crew. The man was declared unfit for his job on the grounds of his disregard of *kashrut* dietary laws.

A *Kashrut* inspector of the Rabbinate, after making his first sailing aboard the ship, reported on his return recently that Kuba Prober, the butcher, had brought non-*kasher* poultry into the kitchen. On the strength of that report, the Rabbinate demanded his dismissal by the company.

Prober turned to the Seamen's Union which investigated the case, found the charge unwarranted and objected to his discharge. Zim advised the Rabbinate accordingly, but received a letter which said: "We are not interested in what the Seamen's Union has to say and shall not debate with it anything related to *kashrut*."

The Seamen's Union has suggested various ways of settling the conflict, including the appointment of a second man as *kashrut* inspector, but to no avail.

Textile Strike Threatens Again

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The dormant negotiations in the textile industry have threatened to erupt into a dispute again. A threat to "take steps" was issued this week by the workers' committees of the Kutna cotton spinnery in Hadar Yosef and the Saxonia plant in Bnei Brak, unless wage increases are paid, as agreed some weeks ago between the Manufacturers Association and the Textile Workers Union.

A spokesman of the manufacturers said today that the increases did not apply to the two plants since wages there were already up to the new rate. The plant's employers have resisted claims for separate negotiations, claiming that bargaining in the industry was only on a collective basis.

The decision on the retroactivity of the increases will only be made after negotiations for all branches are completed, the spokesman said. Talks on the remaining branches — weaving and hosiery — will probably begin next week, providing there is no dispute before then. Meanwhile, increases are being paid without back pay. The Histadrut has set the retroactive date at May 15 and the manufacturers at July 1.

Fishers Report Record Catches

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Large supplies of fresh seafish are reaching the markets, as fishermen report record catches. All vessels are at work day and night, except for three now being detained by Turkey for allegedly fishing in her territorial waters. The improved security situation south of Tel Aviv has opened up a new area for Israel fishermen.

The new telephone number of the REHAVIA BRANCH, Jerusalem, of
JACOB JAPHET & CO. LTD.,
BANKERS
is:
4044

Mapai Approves Inner Secretariat

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — A 17-man inner secretariat was today approved by Mapai Party Secretariat. It will be charged with the routine work of the party.

Members of the inner secretariat are Prime Minister Ben-Gurion, Mr. M. Sharett and Mr. P. Lavon, Secretary General of the Histadrut, and Mr. Giora Josephthal, the party's Secretary General, whose nomination was approved by the Mapai Convention last summer. In addition, the new body contains Mr. Yona Kesse, former Secretary General of Mapai; Mr. Ehud Avriel, and Mr. Israel Yeshayahu, M.K.'s; Miss Shoshana Werner, former head of the Women's Army Corps; Mrs. Hanna Lamdan; and Messrs. Aviatar Berg, Avraham Haft, Reuven Yaffe, Menahem Cohen (member of Tel Aviv Municipal Council), Shraga Netzer, Arie Nesher, Yisrael Keisar and Yitzhak Shapiro.

Mr. Haim Ya'ari, formerly of the "Davar" staff, has been appointed spokesman of the Mapai party.

Immigrants Here From Turkey

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. —An El Al plane from Istanbul brought 60 Turkish immigrants who kissed the soil of the homeland after they had walked down the gangplank this afternoon. The group comprised families with many children.

They expressed their relief at reaching a haven in these difficult days, when there was no future for them in the Diaspora. They went to the Sha'ar Aliya transit camp for screening. *(Itim)*

Electric Rises Effective As from Nov. 25 Says Bentov

By DAN BAVLY, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The long-planned electricity price increase will take effect retroactively to November 25, Mr. Mordechai Bentov, Minister of Development, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday. Private consumers will pay 12 per cent more, while electricity consumed for commercial purposes will cost 14 per cent more. Electricity used for pumping water not for irrigation purposes will cost nine per cent more. There will be no change in the price of electricity used in industry and agriculture.

These higher rates do not cover increased expenses of the Palestine Electric Corporation resulting from the difficulties in acquiring fuel since the Sinai campaign. The higher rates were recommended by the Electricity Tariff Committee late in September, and were somewhat "watered down" by the Economic Ministerial Committee a few days later. They did not come into effect immediately because the Government decided early in October to freeze all prices as a result of the 13 point September increase in the Cost of Living Index.

Increased Demands

It is understood that the Development Ministry is faced with increased demands from the P.E.C. to cover its growing deficit. Since the Government itself is now short of ready money, the Ministry had to authorize the P.E.C. to increase rates in accordance with the two month old recommendations.

It was learnt last night that the C.-o.-L. will go up by approximately one point as a result of these increases.

Mr. Bentov said that it was not yet clear how the Corporation would cover the rising expenditure expected in the near future. Since the blocking of the Suez Canal, the price of fuel has almost doubled, and since the restrictions on electricity consumption were imposed, there has been a considerable decrease in the income from higher priced electricity. (The rates for home and commercial consumption are much higher than those for industry and agriculture.)

Fuel will cost IL1.5m. more every month, as long as the present situation persists, while income from consumers is expected to drop by approximately IL1m. per month. A special committee is expected to be appointed shortly that will study how this IL2.5m. monthly deficit can be covered.

November 25 was fixed for raising the electric tariffs because it was then that most meters were checked in connection with the new electricity restrictions.

No Forest Fires In Judean Hills

There was no fire damage to woods in the Judean Hills during the past year for the first time in the history of afforestation in the country, according to a recent report by the Afforestation Department of the Jewish National Fund in Jerusalem.

The report attributes the fireless season to telephone-equipped observation posts erected in this area and the establishment of "fire-break lanes" between the trees.

The J.N.F. is now building observation posts in northern forests where fire damage was considerable during the past year.

ANOTHER FRAUD AT BEERSHEBA

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. — Charges of a third case of embezzlement in the Municipality here are being investigated. The alleged fraud was unearthed during the investigation of a previous case, uncovered ten days ago. Like that case, this alleged embezzlement is also supposed to have taken place in the Municipal Transport Department. Neither the name of the person nor the amount involved was disclosed, and Municipality sources only revealed that the money is supposed to have been obtained by means of forged receipts.

Coalition Clash On Tax Measure

The Coalition Executive met last night to discuss the amendments to the Income Tax laws proposed recently to the Government by the Finance Ministry.

The Ahdut Ha'avoda and Mapam representatives on the Executive, Messrs. S. Tsur and H. Rubin, said that the amendments would unduly benefit higher income brackets.

Mr. Tsur said that the effect of the Ahdut Ha'avoda proposals would be to reduce the tax on incomes up to IL7,200 and to increase the tax on earnings over IL12,000.

Their objections were countered by the Minister of Finance Mr. Levi Eshkol, who said that the purpose of the amendments was to ease the tax burden of large families.

The Ahdut Ha'avoda and Mapam representatives said that they would refer the question of their support for the measure to their respective Knesset factions.

In response to a question, the Coalition spokesman, Mr. A. Govrin, said that the bill would receive its first reading in the Knesset next week.

Left Parties Demand Sinai Defence Line

The political Committee of the Ahdut Avoda-Poalei Zion Party yesterday called on the Government to stand firm on a defence frontier with Egypt. This should be based on a line running through El Arish-Abu Ageila-Kusseima and south to Tiran, and the Straits.

The Minister of Transport, Mr. M. Carmel, Mr. Yigal Alon, M.K., Mr. Y. Tabenkin, M.K., and Mr. B. Repetur, were among the committee members.

The Committee declared that the Gaza Strip must be an integral part of Israel and the problem of its refugees should be solved in co-operation with the U.N.

The armaments race between the Egyptian bloc (from Soviet sources) and the Baghdad Pact countries (from America) was denounced by the Committee. They also criticized the appeasement policy of the U.S. which endangered Israel and encouraged the Arab states in their refusal to make peace.

October Exports Up by $900,000

The Sinai Campaign did not affect October exports which reached $6.2m., approximately $900,000 more than for the same month last year, according to figures published yesterday by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

It is learned, however, that exports in November were somewhat less, in comparison with last year. Exports in the first ten months of this year reached $88.5m., an increase of $16m. over the same period in 1955. Ministry sources expressed the hope that exports in 1956 would pass the $100m. mark.

The main items responsible for the increased exports in October, were tires of which $670,000 were exported — an increase of $560,000 over the same period last year; cement which reached $470,000, an increase of $200,000 over last year; corrugated carton $57,000, a new item in this year's export; chemicals $430,000, double last year. The greatest drop was in the export of automobiles. Only $132,000 were exported this year, which was more than $700,000 less than last year.

Cables in Brief

BOER. — Percy Willis, sole survivor of the Jameson raid of 1896, has died aged 80 in Nelspruit, Eastern Transvaal. He was guide to the 600-strong force which Leander Starr Jameson led from Mafeking to aid a projected rising against Kruger in Johannesburg. The raid was one of the incidents which led to the Boer War.

WORDS. — Mrs. Martin White, whose death in New York is announced at the age of 82, had the distinction of writing more than 13 million words for publication in American newspapers. Under the pen name of "Adele Garrison," she wrote for 41 years up to her death a daily serial under the title "relations of a wife."

WAGES. — Average annual earnings of men employed full time in the U.S. in 1955 was $4,200, the Census Bureau has reported. The women's average was $2,700.

HEAT. — Laboratory temperatures of at least two million degrees Fahrenheit (about one million Centigrade) are reported to have been produced by the radiation division of the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory. The method might be used to harness Hydrogen bomb power for peaceful purposes.

EXPLOSION. — Nine persons were killed and 247 injured on Monday in a mysterious explosion followed by a fire on the Port of New York's pier 57, its longest. Fire Department officials are investigating the possibility of sabotage.

ENVOY. — President Eisenhower yesterday selected as the new U.S. Ambassador to Japan, Douglas MacArthur, II, State Department Counsellor and nephew of the famous World War II commander, Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Missing 7 Year Old Found at Midnight

Jerusalem Post Reporter

By discharging rifles and lighting firecrackers to scare off beasts of prey, Jerusalem police on Monday night ended a successful search for a seven-year-old girl who had been missing from home since early morning.

The girl, Shulamit Wakmin, of Beit Shemesh in the Jerusalem Corridor, was only reported missing when darkness fell although she was last seen by her parents and playmates at 7 a.m.

Police started searching in an ever-widening radius from her home. About midnight, the girl was heard screaming.

They rushed to her, to find that she had been awakened out of a sound sleep under a tree by the noise of the firecrackers.

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U.N. RESPONSIBILITY

ISRAEL'S luxury liner, s.s. Israel, arrived yesterday from Italy, proudly carrying to security some 300 Jewish refugees from Egypt, Hungary and Rumania. The Hungarian Jews have fled, together with many tens of thousands of gentiles, owing to the Soviet onslaught which has turned Budapest into a graveyard. The refugees from Rumania consist of people who have been imprisoned for their Zionist activities in the past. If there were today still need for Zionist argument, there would be none more effective than the flowing together of these three groups of refugees on their way to Israel.

Egypt has robbed and expelled her Jews as a mere act of senseless revenge and in order to give the Egyptian mob something over which to triumph. It is also an attempt to distract attention from the growing realization in that country that its army has been disgraced and its political existence has been maintained only by the grace of outside aid.

While groups in the U.N. have expressed detestation of Soviet brutality in Hungary, and the Secretary-General has made continued attempts to visit Budapest and produce a first-hand report of the situation there, if nothing more, no attempt has yet been made by the U.N. authorities to express any view on the open Egyptian persecution of the Jewish minority. This failure is the more conspicuous because it is precisely in Egypt that the U.N. has attempted to assert its will for the first time, and in Egypt that it has the means both to gauge accurately what is going on, and to take preventive action if this is needed. In Egypt, at any rate, the U.N. has mastered enough power to enforce the withdrawal of sizable French and British forces, and it has done this by applying political pressure through the United States.

But instead, the U.N. force flown into the Canal Zone by so great and concerted an effort has been quickly reduced to a species of auxiliary troops for Nasser himself, and no action of any kind was even taken to intervene against the Yugoslav contingent's extraordinary behaviour in assisting the training of regular Egyptian army units. In view of this attitude, how much confidence is Israel justified in feeling in the neutrality of the Yugoslav units which are now reported to have entered Sinai. Or in the likelihood of the force preventing the re-establishment of Egyptian bases for aggression in Sinai?

If General Burns is interested in peaceful relations between Egypt and Israel, and not only between Egypt and the U.N. representatives, he will have to take these factors fully into account. If Egypt is to be the puppet of the U.N., assisted by U.N. technical commissions to undo the damage she did to the Canal, and protected by U.N. forces, then the U.N. officers on the spot must recognize and discharge their responsibility for all Egyptian actions connected with that country's relations with Israel. It is impossible for the U.N. to reject this moral responsibility. Up to the present, they have woefully failed in carrying it out.

"Attack On Syria Is An Attack on Jordan"

AMMAN, Tuesday (Reuter). — A Jordan Government spokesman said today that Jordan would consider an attack on Syria or any other "self liberating" Arab state from whatever source as a direct attack on Jordan itself. Jordan would stand by the free Arab states of Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia, the spokesman added.

Meanwhile, [illegible], the Jordan Foreign Minister, declared in an interview with ANA in Amman that Jordan opposes a discussion of the "Palestine question" in the present U.N. Assembly.

Kibbutzniks and Tel Aviv Girls in Lunar World

Flying Down to Solomon's Bay

By MOSHE LEVIN

COMING in for a landing at Solomon's Bay on the south-eastern tip of the lopsided Sinai Peninsula, you have the feeling that your plane has managed to reach the moon.

It is grotesque terrain. The peaks of Sinai are monstrous cones. From their base extends a shore flat as a table top without obstruction from a single tree or weed. No foothills. Just bald, creviced peaks, and then the beach.

Heat waves quiver around you like ghosts unashamed to show themselves. They disturb the vision, and Ras Mohammed, the coccyx of the Sinai spine, appears and disappears in the distance like a mirage.

The dusty sand of the beach swirls when an unexplained whirlpool of warm wind whips up suddenly, then settles again. Desolation and stillness are this country's hallmarks.

"Why anyone would want to fight over this land is beyond me," the London correspondent next to me feels compelled to say in a whisper.

Gulf Islands

But as he spoke, we peered across the blue-black Red Sea in the direction of two islands — Yotvat (Tiran) and Snapir (Sinafir) — that squat in the middle of the entrance to the Gulf of Eilat between Sinai and a useless appendix of Saudi Arabia. They are as necessary as a bone in the throat, and it is this bone that had been choking off commerce from Eilat, 225 kilometres to the north.

Barbed wire marks off the circular area populated by the Army unit guarding the natural landing strip at Solomon's Bay (Sharm e-Sheikh). Inside this compound are a number of bleached pup tents, canvas stretched over a wooden frame to shade mess tables, a broken down Egyptian truck and crates upon crates of empty bottles. The bottles are labeled "Guava Juice" and "Mineral Water." Both are the produce of Asmara, Eritrea, the latter having been bottled by a professor who specifies the natural wonders of this radioactive drink. The Egyptians took him at his word and stored thousands upon thousands of bottles in the area which they left behind to quench the parched throats of their conquerors.

Incongruous as nature is in this wilderness, the Israel Army manages to go her one better for there in the midst of khaki and sand and guns, they placed a pretty perk-nosed Tel Avivian, all of 19, wearing a non-regulation, form-fitting, sky-blue sweater and charcoal slacks. She arrived the day before to replace the radio operator; the only flower in the desert.

A stubby, green bus still bearing the name of the Egyptian transportation company arrived to take us up the coast to Netzura (Ras e-Nasrani). A path led over the sand to the asphalt road leading 25 kilometres northward to Netzura.

Rout Route

Civilization looked very much out of place along the way: telephone poles bearing a single line, empty Coca-Cola bottles, little heaps of Egyptian army clothes and shoes left behind by fleeing soldiers eager to hide their military identity.

The approaches to Netzura are scarred by rows and rows of barbed wire stretched out tautly to discourage an attacker. For a year the Egyptians worked themselves into subterranean depths. Everything is below the ground — living quarters, command posts, supplies. Only the volleyball field and the guns fixed on the narrow passage through the Gulf into the Red Sea are visible.

So well dug in were the Egyptians that the few hundred men could have held up a whole division for days. But the end result being certain, they were not prepared to risk a holding action, and left Netzura 36 hours before the Israelis arrived from the north.

On their departure they blew off the barrel nozzles of two mighty, Coventry-made six-inch guns so that they now looked like mashed cigars snuffed out in an ash tray. Four other three-inch guns were not destroyed, although two had been put out of action by Israel planes. They can be repaired.

A moustachioed captain pointed to the straits through which two Israel ships had recently passed on their way to Eilat. A distance of 1,200 metres lies between the shore and Yotvat, but in 1917 a Turkish ship foundered out there. Its presence has cut the channel width down to 400 metres. On the far side between Yotvat and Saudi Arabia the water is too shallow for passenger ships.

Only observation posts were found on Yotvat. The real threat to ships came from Netzura's guns.

Egyptian officers at Netzura lived well. One of them had brought along from Cairo an orange and green beach umbrella which now lay snagged and torn on the barbed wire entanglements.

A curtain of camouflage netting, whose green colouring was blackened by a plague of flies, covered the entrance to the former commander's quarters. They were built for permanent occupation: fluorescent lighting, concrete floors, plywood partitions, easy chairs, pin-up girls and cartons of Craven A cigarettes. The commander had torn down the maps from his operations room. A sand box, similar to those used by kindergarten children, covered about one-third of the floor. It was used by the commander to fight imaginary battles.

Water was pumped into the area from Solomon's Bay where the Egyptians had set up two distilling plants by a lagoon. They tried drilling for fresh water but found none.

Ample Supplies

The Israelis do their washing and bathing in the warm Red Sea water. Our young Air Force crew sat in the shade provided by the wing of their two-engined Dakota, opened a carton of rations and while engaging in a lively discussion of political events, opened tins of two types of meat, string beans, pickled onions and fruit; sliced a long loaf of bread, and finished off with sweets — all Israel-made, packed especially for the Forces.

The pilot complained, "too much protein, not enough carbohydrates in our rations."

If protein is making them fly as well as they do, the pilot's complaint was out of order. On the trip down, they flew their well-worn craft easily over the rooftops of the oil and mineral towns along the Gulf of Suez and they climbed to nearly 10,000 feet to get over Mt. Sinai.

They were accommodating enough to take off the door of the plane to give the correspondents a better view and to permit cameras to operate with more field of vision.

On the trip back the plane picked up a number of sky-hikers. One dust-covered soldier, sporting a Sinai beard and a wind-burned face, looked as though he had been in the thick of everything.

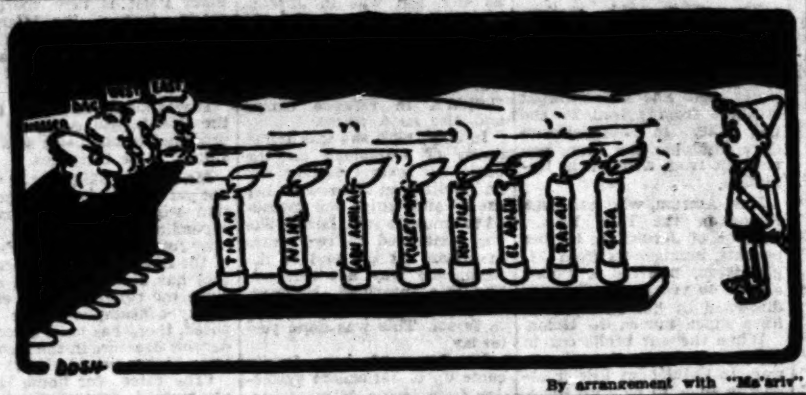
"I'm a dentist from Tel Aviv. I just came down a few days ago to fix some teeth. I use a hand-driven power drill," he explained.

Another soldier standing at the entrance of the door as we flew northwards home through the night, named every kibbutz as we flew over.

"I know the geography of Israel well," he boasted. "That's Beersheba over there."

Fifteen minutes later, my soldier friend in answer to a question said, "I was wrong. We are just now passing over Beersheba."

The crew was much better informed and at the appointed minute a telephone bell rang out. It was the signal to fasten belts. The landing on the Air Force strip was velvet smooth.



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War of Nerves

NATIONAL unity and discipline are necessary more than ever in view of the war of nerves going on on the political front, emphasizes **Davar** (Histadrut) in commenting on Prime Minister Ben-Gurion's speech at the Defence Loan rally on Monday. The paper is disconcerted with the joint declaration of the Foreign Ministers of Great Britain and France, who would evacuate the Canal Zone without safeguarding Israel's right of free shipping. In addition, the paper notes, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd saw fit to ask for Israel's withdrawal from Gaza at the very time when Egypt is showing her ill-will by anti-Jewish persecutions and by threats of renewed *Fedayeen* activities.

Hatzofe (World Mizrahi) urges the establishment of a U.N.-controlled buffer zone in Sinai while the Gaza strip, as part of Palestine, should remain in our hands. If Gaza were evacuated by Israel as Mr. Lloyd demands, it would once more become a base for *fedayeen* gangs even if it were occupied by the U.N.E.F., the paper warns. This argument is also taken up, for the second successive day, in the editorial columns of **Ha'aretz** (non-party).

Hamodia (World Aguda) says that the political independence of Great Britain and France would indeed appear to be fictitious if their retreat from their Suez adventure under U.S. pressure was really unconditional. But, the paper feels, America may well have given some secret assurances about Suez to its allies; or perhaps a dramatic development is expected in some other theatre, such as Hungary. In any case, it looks as if Israel's vital interests have not been taken into account by the Powers, and the paper anxiously asks the Government whether at least it received some assurances in this regard in return for our agreeing to unconditional withdrawal from Sinai.

Lamerhav (Ahdut Ha'avoda), which also notes that the rifts in Western unity are apparently being closed as a result of Anglo-French submission to America's appeasement of Nasser, urges, along with **Al Hamishmar** (Mapam) a firm and unequivocal Israel stand on Gaza. It is impossible to put the clock back to 1949, stresses Lamerhav, and the earlier the world at large learns this lesson, the better the prospects of peace, which is vital to all, including the Arab peoples.

Haboker (General Zionist) once more criticizes the Foreign Ministry for having left the initiative on the Syrian situation to our adversaries in the U.N., while the political correspondent of Al Hamishmar charges our diplomacy with indifference towards Iraqi threats to liquidate Israel. Hamodia asserts that one of the reasons for the failure of our information services is the virtual Mapai monopoly over them.

Kol Ha'am (Communist) believes that it has at last found an ally in its crusade against Mr. Ben-Gurion's "war adventure." It is no other than the President of the World Zionist Organization, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who, according to a report in Haboker, had planned to invoke Marshal Tito's help in organizing peace talks with Egypt.

HEARD ABROAD

Un black-out officiel continue de couvrir la situation dans la zone du canal de Suez.
—News Item in "Nice-Matin"

The situation is favourable for us. If God existed we would thank him for it.
— Mr. Khrushchev.

After-dinner speaking should be like oil prospecting. If you don't make a strike stop boring.
— Sir Miles Thomas.

Any adult can communicate with a child, particularly if he makes an idiot of himself.
— Danny Kaye

MUSICAL DIARY

"Dalet Klei Shir", Jerusalem Quartet. Hanoch and Sharona Tel-Oren, flutes; Izhak Blasberger, cello; Nelly Ben-Or, piano. (Tel Aviv Museum, December 1).

THIS new and youthful ensemble took its first bow before an audience mostly consisting of young listeners. In a number of works that are seldom heard, the four participants proved that they are not only reliable instrumentalists but fine musicians as well. The two Quartets by Loeillet and Telemann, Haydn's "London" Trio for two flutes and cello and Beethoven's G-Major for flute, cello and piano, which they played, were all performed flawlessly.

The performance of Francis Poulenc's Sonata for Cello and Piano suffered somewhat from the cellist's small tone, although Miss Ben-Or revealed real pianistic qualities. The evening's success, however, was Hindemith's Canonic Sonatina for two flutes, which Hanoch and Sharona Tel-Oren rendered with perfect virtuosity and musicianship.
AVIDUM

Composer Dead

DR. Jacob Weinberg, whose opera, "Hehalutz," written in Jerusalem to his own Hebrew text, won the $1,000 first prize of the International Music Contest at the Philadelphia Sesquicentennial Exposition in 1926, died after a brief illness at his home in New York. He was 77 years old.

Dr. Weinberg was widely known for his religious compositions, which included a Sabbath Morning Service and a Sabbath Evening Service for cantor, mixed quartet and organ, a Sabbath Service for congregational singing, and many shorter works. He also wrote many songs and an oratorio "Isaiah." His most recent work, "The Life of Moses," an oratorio for chorus and orchestra, was completed last spring. Another recent work was "The Dead Sea Scrolls," for baritone and organ.

Dr. Weinberg was born in Odessa, studied piano and composition in Moscow and later in Vienna. He lived in this country from 1921 to 1926 when he went to the U.S. He composed, gave piano recitals and frequently organized "Festivals of Jewish Art" at the Town and Carnegie Halls.
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PARTY CRISIS IN THE U.S.

SERIOUS SPLIT BETWEEN NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN DEMOCRATS

By PATRICK O'DONOVAN

WASHINGTON (OFNS).— AN American Presidential election is usually succeeded by a few weeks of after dinner torpor and stillness. This is almost over now and there is already a rumbling of political activity. It is possible that the American parliamentary system is facing one of its great and fruitful periods of change and it is clear that the traditional party labels have become all but meaningless. Mr. Eisenhower received a 10-million majority and the Democrats in the State and Senatorial elections did almost as spectacularly well. The majority of the nation no longer clings to old party loyalties as men do to family names and the next two years are likely to see a gradual realignment of the parties to bring them closer to the realignment of the nation.

The crisis is most real with the Democratic Party. It is today utterly split between the Northern liberals and the Southern conservatives. They have nothing in common except some shared history and some common interests in the day-to-day maintenance of a majority inside the Congress — and all the emoluments and ease that that brings.

At each election the split is papered over. Adlai Stevenson managed somehow to represent both wings and the figure he cut as a result was so thin, so meaningless, that a naturally Democratic North rejected him by a majority unique in history. Now the Northern leaders are making their dissatisfaction very plain.

Define the Issues

Their case is that the somewhat squalid compromise for a party they put up each election is no longer good enough for an increasingly sophisticated electorate. They point to their losses in the big cities which have long been their strongholds. They point to the loss of the four million to five million Negro votes that found the Republicans clearer and saner on the racial issue. They are suggesting — though it has not been openly declared — that their party will fail with the new choosey electorate if it is for ever to be shackled to, and slowed down by, the irrelevant and rather hateful racial demands of the South.

But in the actual law-making circles, the power of the South has scarcely been diminished. Their leader is the Democratic Senator, Lyndon Johnson, of Texas, who promises to dominate the Senate. He is a moderate. He is not a perfervid racialist. He is not happy with change. He would prefer a "go-easy" session, waiting on the White House, and reacting — with real political skill — to the President's programme and suggestions, and certainly not utilising the Democratic majority in both Houses of Congress to put forward a Democratic programme.

End Filibuster

But already six Northern Senators, led by Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, have put forward a 16-point programme which is not far short of a declaration of war. The 16th point is a proposal to end "filibusters." This is the device whereby a determined minority can talk out — hour after hour, even day after day — any proposal. It has, in the past, given the South a virtual veto over racial legislation. There have been many proposals of this sort before. They have never succeeded, but this one will, at least, force the realities of the division within the Democrats to the surface.

Two Republican Senators have declared their intention of supporting Senator Humphrey's move. Even in the Republican party, whose public face is as discreet as that of any clubman-broker, there are signs of tension. The President seems to be in a mood to ram through a programme within two years. He is on record as intending to "modernize" his party.

In two years' time, one-third of the Senate and all the House of Representatives will be again up for election, and it looks as certain as the coming of spring that the Republicans will suffer further losses. Eisenhower has not long in which to make his point. He is clearly in a mood to insist on making it. He has just received the greatest personal vote of confidence from the nation in America's history. His programme is not to the taste of all his party. Federal aid for schools seems to some near-Socialism. The Federal Road programme sounds like an infringement of States' rights. His racial proposals—mild as they are—upset some conservatives. His foreign policy seems dangerously liberal to some of his leading Senators. His ideas of foreign aid seem extravagant to the same sort of people.

Foggy Stand

U.S. political parties have never had the sort of monolithic discipline and clarity of principle that mark the British parties. They have never sought it. But this time the confusion has gone too far and it has been noticed by the electorate. Senators are going to be forced to make their positions quite clear.

It is possible that for the first time in 100 years there may be a real Republican Party in the South. It is likely that the Democratic Party will become more didactically radical and that the Northern leaders will try—for the sake of future elections—to go it alone. It is certain that the President will have to depend largely on the mass of the Democratic Senators if he is to get any real programme through. It is an interesting prospect; it is also one that is wholly advantageous — and long overdue — to the political health of the United States.

OEEC Takes Over Oil Distribution

By NORA BELOFF

PARIS.— THE biggest paradox in the Suez crisis has been that it started with the two principal European Powers, Britain and France, making a defiant show of their independence of the United States but has reduced almost all Western Europe to economic reliance on Western hemisphere oil help, thus conclusively proving their dependence.

The Organization for European Economic Co-operation, originally founded to help assure the most effective European use of the American Marshall Plan, has been called in to limit the economic damages of the Suez oil crisis.

Survey of Needs

The British Government, whose prospects of obtaining direct American aid after the attack on Egypt were minimal, was converted, belatedly, some people thought, to the need for European unity. It was at Britain's initiative that it was decided by all western European countries to distribute what oil there was through OEEC channels. The Organization then sent round a questionnaire on the implications of the oil shortage for all member countries and the collective results have shown Europe on the edge of a far greater economic crisis than initially supposed.

An OEEC official told me that the oil supply to Europe could be kept in the next few months at 75 per cent of normal. In that case, he added, though the restrictions will be uncomfortable for Europe they need not be disastrous.

Asked to distinguish between the uncomfortable and the disastrous he foresaw that with American aid there would be rationing for consumers and stagnation or setbacks in certain industries particularly dependent on oil and which had recently been at the spearhead of the European economic boom.

But without American aid if Europe had been left to its own devices and had to use its own limited tanker space to bring oil from the Middle East round the Cape of Good Hope supplies would have been cut by almost half. The fuel bottleneck would have produced a major economic crisis involving the collapse of whole branches of industry and wide unemployment and social unrest.

Unevenly Hit

It remains to be seen whether the harmony which has prevailed in OEEC headquarters during this period of study and investigation will survive when the Organization has to get around to distributing limited supplies and deciding at which European ports the desperately awaited oil cargoes should land.

The European partners are unevenly hit: Germany has negligible proportions of her industry working on oil and has large dollar reserves with which to buy oil directly from the western hemisphere even if the Americans make no collective provision. The Swedes, on the other hand, have 40 per cent of their industry running on oil and in all the Scandinavian countries major ports will soon be frozen up and oil stocks are urgently required to see their economies through the winter months.

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Points from Letters

ELECTRICITY CUTS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The use of electricity in a doctor's household is considerably higher than in others, considering the daily sterilizing of instruments, lighting of the waiting room for several hours, etc. For these reasons, I think that a special provision of about 50 to 60 kw. should be granted monthly to doctors.......

DR. E. WODAK
Tel Aviv, November 27.

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...... Why has the maximum amount of kilowatts allowed been regulated according to the number of rooms in a flat instead of the number of persons living in it? Surely a single person or couple with a three-room flat needs much less electricity than, say, a family of five persons with three small children, in a two-room flat?

H.M.
Jerusalem, November 27.

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...... Although we all agree on the need to save fuel and are ready to co-operate, common sense must be used. It is essential for shops to light up their windows partly, as long as they are open for business, and it should be left to the discretion of the people concerned to decide how to use their allowance; a shopkeeper, for instance, may decide to economize on lighting inside the shop.......

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Jerusalem, November 29.

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...... I fail to see why those families who for years have cooked on electric ranges should not be granted some consideration in view of the fact that they don't use any petrol or gas. If we were allowed an extra ten kwh. per month, our position would be appreciably alleviated without unduly aggravating the general fuel shortage.

WORKING MOTHER
(Name and Address Supplied)
Haifa, November 28.

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...... The singling out of one group of electricity consumers — the proprietors of boilers — by allowing them 70 additional kwh. is not justifiable. . . . To equalize the load distribution, everybody should be permitted and even encouraged to use his cooking, ironing and washing facilities between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., just as are the owners of boilers. . .. The only effect of the regulation for owners of boilers will be a boon to boiler manufacturers and an increase in electricity consumption caused by new boiler installations.

"ENGINEER"
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